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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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February 28, 2009

Dear Constituent,

On February 13, I voted for and the House of Representatives passed the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*, which President Obama signed into law on February 17, 2009.

I voted for the ARRA because I believe that we must mitigate further hemorrhaging of jobs to avoid a deeper, more protracted recession. I also believe these actions will promote a more rapid recovery.

The ARRA injects \$787 billion (approximately 5% of GDP) into the economy through approximately \$270 billion in tax cuts for individuals and small businesses -- providing 95% of American workers with an immediate tax cut -- and approximately \$311 billion in increased government investment, and \$267 billion of direct spending.

I am pleased to provide you with this *Resource Directory* for the ARRA. It is intended to be a starting point -- providing detailed information on the provisions of this bill, and importantly, making readily available contact information and web-site references. The Directory is organized by the Federal Government Department administering the provisions of ARRA, and where possible contact information for Pennsylvania, regional, or local organizations. In many cases, the law provides added funding for existing programs at the Federal and State level. In some cases, for new programs, detailed implementation plans may not yet be available, but the website location is provided for future reference. The Directory will be available on my website. It will be updated weekly (each Friday) for new information.

In addition, to promote accountability and transparency, the ARRA requires the President to maintain a website detailing where the federal money is planned and going forward is being spent. I would encourage you also to regularly visit this site, <http://www.recovery.gov> for further information on accessing Recovery funds.

I look forward to working with all local, state, federal, and educational organizations to ensure that the constituents of the 7th Congressional District have access to all eligible funding contained with ARRA.

Sincerely,


M.C.

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AND PENSIONS
SMALL BUSINESS
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REGULATION, HEALTH CARE AND TRADE

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

Food and Nutrition Service

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/>

13% INCREASE IN FOOD STAMP PAYMENTS

Implementation: Memo on adjustments posted on website. Takes effect April 1st, 2009. Amounts to \$80 increase. Information about eligibility, how to apply for the program and updates are included on the website below

Contact: Nicole Pollard, 202-720-2768

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/>

\$150 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

\$3.6 MILLION ALLOCATED TO PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: Memo detailing funds allocated to states posted on website (3/2/09). Takes effect March 2009.

Memo describing procedures to award funds out of the total awarded to Pennsylvania: \$2.87 million. State agencies will need to file for these grants by June 8, 2009. This memo can be found on the website and is posted below (posted 3/9/09).

Contact: Russell Redding
Executive Deputy Secretary
PA Department of Agriculture
(717) 783-6985

rredding@state.pa.us

Website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/tefap_ARRA_030209.pdf
http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/recovery/memos/SP_18-2009_sa.pdf

\$500 MILLION FOR THE WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Implementation: \$100 million of that amount will be distributed to WIC State Agencies the remainder of the funds will be awarded on a competitive basis according to the established practices. More information about eligibility and applying for the program can be found on the website listed below.

Contact: Greg Landis, Director
Pennsylvania Department of Health
Division of WIC
2150 Herr Street
1st Floor, Suite B
Harrisburg, PA 17103
email: Grlandis@state.pa.us
website: <http://www.pawic.com>

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

**\$4.125 BILLION FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION,
REGULATION AND INVESTIGATIONS**

Implementation: Not yet available

State Contact: Craig Derickson, State Conservationist in Pennsylvania; he is responsible for NRCS operations and programs in the state. 717-237-2203.

County Contacts: Delaware County: 610-892-9484
Chester County: 610-925-4920
Montgomery County: 610-489-4506

Website: <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=127144>

Rural Development Department

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>

\$1.38 BILLION FOR RURAL WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS (ALSO SMALL PROGRAMS)

Implementation: Grants and loans for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in rural areas, cities and towns with populations of 10,000 or less. USDA Rural Development released more than \$400 million in pending applications for Rural Water and Waste Grants and \$140 million in pending applications for Rural Water and Waste Direct Loans.

Contact: Lebanon Area Office
2120 Cornwall Road, Suite 7, Lebanon, PA 17042-9790
(717) 272-3908, ext. 6 (Phone)
(717) 273-0357 (Fax)

Website: <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=127144>

\$10 BILLION FOR THE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM

Implementation: Pennsylvania will receive \$245,347,980. The first wave of this funding was announced April 1, 2009. Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will initially provide 15,000 rural families with \$1.76 billion in loan guarantees for homeownership financing, creating or saving approximately 7,500 jobs. Once all Recovery Act funding for rural housing is released (\$7 billion directly to states and \$3 billion held in reserve for higher need areas), it is estimated that 42,500 jobs will be created or saved.

Contact: Region 7 office: (610) 489-1003
Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
Route 113, PO Box 300
Creamery, PA 19430-0300

Website: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/04/0083.xml

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

<http://www.commerce.gov/>

National Institute of Standards and Technology

<http://www.nist.gov/index.html>

\$220 MILLION FOR WORK, INCLUDING RESEARCH INTO TECHNOLOGY WITH HIGH-GROWTH POTENTIAL AND TECHNOLOGY GRANTS TO SMALL AND MID-SIZE MANUFACTURERS

Implementation: Applications for funding will be available from website below as instructions are posted for specific competitions.

Contact: Melinda Chukran (301) 975- 6478

Website: <http://www.nist.gov/index.html>

\$360 MILLION FOR FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE BACKLOG

Implementation: Will follow normal government contracting and procurement channels. None of the facilities are in the area of the Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District.

Website: www.fedbizopps.gov

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<http://www.noaa.gov/>

\$230 MILLION FOR FACILITIES AND RESEARCH PERTAINING TO HABITAT RESTORATION, NAVIGATION PROJECTS, AND VESSEL MAINTENANCE

Implementation: It is expected that most of the money will be in the form of grants.

Contact: Noel Turner 202-482-4981

Website: <https://grantsonline.rdc.noaa.gov/flows/home/Login/LoginController.jspf>

\$430 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF NOAA FACILITIES, SHIPS, EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENTS FOR WEATHER FORECASTING AND SATELLITE DEVELOPMENT.

Implementation: Instructions on how to apply for grants will be available on the Department of Commerce and NOAA's websites.

Website: www.commerce.gov
www.noaa.gov

\$170 MILLION FOR CLIMATE MODELING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SUPERCOMPUTERING PROCUREMENT, AND RESEARCH INTO CLIMATE CHANGES

Implementation: Instructions on how to apply for grants will be available on the Department of Commerce and NOAA's websites

Website: www.commerce.gov
www.noaa.gov

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Economic Development Administration
<http://www.eda.gov/>

\$150 MILLION FOR URBAN INDUSTRIAL CORE AND RURAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMS

Implementation: The program makes investments to help support construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, redevelop Brownfield sites and provide eco-industrial development. Federal funding opportunities were published to the website (3/11/09) and are available below. Funds will be dispersed through the EDA's six regional offices in the form of grants to states, local government entities and eligible non-profits.

Contact: Edward L. Hummel;
Philadelphia Regional Office;
The Curtis Center; 601 Walnut Street, Suite 140 South; Philadelphia, PA 19106-3323; T: (215) 597-6767; EHummel@eda.doc.gov

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>
<http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Programs.xml>
<http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml>

Census Bureau
<http://www.census.gov/>

\$1 BILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR THE CENSUS

Implementation: Small business contracts and employment opportunities will be available

Contracting Contact: Dijon Ferdinand; Small Business Specialist of the U.S. Census Bureau's Acquisition Division; dijon.f.ferdinand@census.gov

Contracting Website: <http://www.census.gov/procur/www/sb/index.html>

Employment Contact: (866) 861-2010

Employment Website: <http://www.census.gov/rophi/www/emply.html>

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

\$4.35 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO PROVIDE WIRELESS AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE TO COMMUNITIES

Implementation: Technology Opportunities Program information will be available on their website below. Meetings open to the public are being held to solicit comments to shape policy of broadband funding. The schedule of these meetings and summaries are posted on the website below. Topics

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discussed in these meetings deals with criteria for grant awards concerning the creation of a national broadband map

\$350 million to establish the State Broadband Data and Development Grant program

\$250 million for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption

Website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/>

\$650 MILLION FOR COUPONS, EDUCATION AND CONSUMER SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL TO ANALOGUE CONVERTER BOX PROGRAM

Implementation: All additional details on the transition to digital TV and coupons are available on their website. The TV Converter Box Coupon Program has begun to accept replacement requests from eligible households whose coupons expired without being redeemed.

If an eligible household has redeemed one coupon toward the purchase of a TV converter box and the other coupon has expired, then it will be approved for a single replacement coupon. Consumers may apply for replacement coupons in accordance with existing program application rules by visiting www.DTV2009.gov, calling 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009), mailing an application to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208 or faxing an application to 1-877-DTV-4ME2 (1-877-388-4632). Deaf or hard of hearing callers may use 1-877-530-2634 (TTY).

Contact: Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications; TV Converter Box Coupon Program; 1-888-DTV-2009

Website: <https://www.dtv2009.gov/>

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes approximately \$7.4 billion in Defense-related appropriations, which accounts for less than 1 percent of the total \$787 billion stimulus package signed on February 17 by President Obama. The DoD intends to spend Defense-related funds as quickly as possible.

Appropriations in this bill are available for obligation through the end of fiscal 2010, and through the end of fiscal 2013 for military construction.

The Recovery Act funding addresses some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. Specific investment in military construction will further President Obama's goal of providing stimulus to the economy while helping to improve the quality of life for our troops and their families. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding for our important energy research programs so that the DoD can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence.

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DoD officials are working with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force to quickly finalize details such as which bases will receive construction projects. We intend spending plans at the project level to be sent to Congress in the weeks ahead, with more announcements to be made as appropriate. Information will be available on the defenselink.mil/recovery website. Provisions are summarized below:

\$3.84 BILLION FOR FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION, AND MODERNIZATION (FSRM) OF DEFENSE FACILITIES IN U.S. AND TERRITORIES

Implementation: 80% of the funding of the total FSRM and were announced in a newsletter dated March 20, 2009.

Active Army:

Installation/Location	Project Title	Cost Estimate	Project Category
Carlisle Barracks	Energy Efficient Upgrades for Bldg 452	\$550,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Retrofit Street Lights with Energy Fixtures	\$420,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Energy Efficient Upgrades for Bldg 314	\$225,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Renovate War College Facility, Bldg 118, Ph 1	\$200,000	Quality of Life
Carlisle Barracks	Energy Efficient Upgrades for Bldg 320	\$175,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Roof Valleys on Upton Hall B-22	\$160,000	Roofs
Carlisle Barracks	Replace High Voltage Cables on Main Loop	\$130,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Sewer Line Inspection, Repairs and Metering	\$70,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Roof on Youth Teen Club B-637	\$25,000	Roofs
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Roof on Health Clinic B-450	\$25,000	Roofs
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Roof on Post Exchange B-844	\$25,000	Roofs

Army National Guard:

Installation/Location	Project Title	Cost Estimate	Project Category
Allentown RC	Replace Windows	\$150,000	Energy
Berwick Readiness Center	Renovations and Repaving	\$75,000	Energy
Carbondale Clidco Drive RC	Energy Renovations	\$38,000	Energy
Clearfield RC	Install New Boiler	\$75,000	Energy
Connellsville Readiness Center	Install Auto Trnf	\$50,000	Energy
Everett Readiness Center	Replace Boiler	\$70,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Bldg 11-091 Roof Repair	\$900,000	Roofs
Fort Indiantown Gap	Sanitary System Assmnt & Improvements	\$750,000	Utilities
Fort Indiantown Gap	Sewer Line Replacement	\$750,000	Utilities
Fort Indiantown Gap	Sewer Line Replacement	\$750,000	Utilities
Fort Indiantown Gap	Repair/Replace Leaking Sewer Lines	\$735,000	Utilities
Fort Indiantown Gap	ArmyNG Aviation Support Facility Runway Sealing	\$725,000	Pavement/roads/grounds
Fort Indiantown Gap	Energy Mgmt System Installation	\$700,000	Energy
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	Installation		
Fort Indiantown Gap	Relocate Mk-19 Electric Line	\$622,000	Energy
	Energy Mgmt System		
Fort Indiantown Gap	Installation	\$450,000	Energy
	166 Regiment Dining		
Fort Indiantown Gap	Mech/Elect	\$425,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Boilers @ Bldg 10-102	\$400,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Boilers @ Bldg 08-071	\$150,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Bldg 19-116 Roof Repair	\$120,000	Roofs
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Windows (Bldg 19-117)	\$75,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Windows	\$70,000	Energy
	Replace Boiler @ Building. 11-		
Fort Indiantown Gap	009	\$20,000	Energy
	Install Energy Management		
Fort Indiantown Gap	System	\$720,000	Energy
	Install Energy Management		
Fort Indiantown Gap	System	\$650,000	Energy
Hamburg Readiness Center	Renovate Center ad Pave	\$100,000	Quality of Life
	Window and Door Replacement,		
Harrisburg Readiness Center	Bldg 1	\$375,000	Energy
	Install Energy Management		
Hermitage RC- Proposed	System	\$350,000	Energy
	Install Energy Management		
Hermitage RC- Proposed	System	\$350,000	Energy
	Install Energy Management		
Hermitage RC- Proposed	System	\$325,000	Energy
Hermitage RC- Proposed	Replace Windows	\$15,000	Energy
Johnstown Walters Ave RC	Install New Lighting	\$25,000	Energy
Kane Readiness Center	Insulate Drill Hall Ceiling	\$40,000	Energy
Lehigh RC	Energy Renovations	\$175,000	Energy
Lock Haven RC	Replace Windows & Doors	\$73,000	Energy
Nanticoke Readiness Center	Energy Renovations	\$100,000	Energy
Philadelphia Ogontz RC	Replace Windows & Doors	\$50,000	Energy
Phoenixville RC	Replace Windows & Doors	\$200,000	Energy
Phoenixville RC	Install Tankless Heater	\$13,000	Energy
Pine Grove RC	Energy Renovations	\$125,000	Energy
Plymouth RC	Energy Renovations	\$225,000	Energy
Scranton/Taylor NE Reg Mnt			
Center	Energy Renovations	\$75,000	Energy
Sellersville RC	Renovate and Paving	\$100,000	Energy
State College Field Maint Shop	Connect ATC to Ft Indiantown		
29	Gap	\$23,000	Utilities
Tamaqua Readiness Center	Energy Renovations	\$100,000	Energy
	Connect ATC to Ft Indiantown		
Torrance RC	Gap	\$6,000	Utilities
West Chester RC	Replace Windows	\$38,000	Energy
West Chester RC	Install Tankless Heater	\$10,000	Energy
West Pittston RC	Energy Renovations	\$100,000	Energy
Wilkes Barre/Kingston RC	Energy Renovations	\$750,000	Energy
Williamsport RC	Renovate and Paving	\$50,000	Quality of Life

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Air Force

Installation/Location	Project Title	Cost Estimate	Project Category
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Dental Clinic	\$578,000	Medical

\$300 MILLION FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FOR MILITARY

Implementation: The breakdown across each branch can be seen below. More detailed information about the breakdown within categories can be see at the website below on page 156-161.

Category	Army	Navy	Air Force	Defense Wide	DoD Total
Fuel- Mobility	40,000	52,900	28,000	16,000	136,900
Facility Energy	10,000	3,500	-	-	13,500
Operational Efficiencies/Commercial Practices	-	-	1,000	9,000	10,000
Supply & Distribution	15,000	16,100	37,000	47,000	115,100
Tactical Power & Generators	10,000	2,500	9,000	3,000	24,500
Totals:	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	300,000

Website: <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/>

\$400 MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPARATIONS TO MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES IN U.S. AND TERRITORIES

Implementation: Information is not yet available for specific Defense Construction Provisions in the Stimulus Bill.

\$80 MILLION FOR ARMY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Implementation: None of the Army Child Development Center projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR ARMY "WARRIOR TRANSITION COMPLEXES"

Implementation: None of the Warrior Transition Complexes are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS TROOP HOUSING

Implementation: None of the Navy and Marine Corps Troop housing projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR AIR FORCE TROOP HOUSING

Implementation: None of the Air Force Troop housing projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS

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Implementation: Information is not yet available for specific Defense Construction Provisions in the Stimulus Bill.

\$4.125 BILLION FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION, REGULATION AND INVESTIGATIONS (OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY \$2 BILLION WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND THE REMAINDER FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE)

Implementation: This program will be implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer to accelerate completion of ongoing water projects and beginning construction of new projects, with priority directed to projects that can be completed with one year.

Contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Philadelphia: (215) 656-6500

\$80 MILLION FOR AIR FORCE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Implementation: None of the Air Force Child Development Centers are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$80 MILLION FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Implementation: Information is not yet available for specific Defense Construction Provisions in the Stimulus Bill.

\$1.33 BILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS

Implementation: Information is not yet available for specific Defense Construction Provisions in the Stimulus Bill.

\$120 MILLION FOR DEFENSE ENERGY CONSERVATION INVESTMENTS

Implementation: None of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Air Force Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy construction projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR ARMY & AIR NATIONAL GUARD CONSTRUCTION

Implementation: None of the Army National Guard construction projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.
For the Air National Guard, a project to replace troop training quarters is included for Fort Indian Town Gap, PA with a cost estimate of \$7 million. The estimated contract award date is August 2009, estimated state date is September 2009, and the estimated completion is date September 2010.

\$97 MILLION FOR AIR FORCE FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

Implementation: None of the Air Force Family Housing projects will be completed in Pennsylvania.

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\$38 MILLION FOR ARMY FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS

Implementation: Projects in Pennsylvania include the construction of Family Housing units at Letterkenney Army Depot and Tobyhanna. Three new units are being constructed at Letterkenny, with an estimated cost of \$1.05 million. Two units are being constructed at Tobyhanna for a cost of \$1 million. For both projects the estimated contract award date is September 2009, estimated state date December 2009, and the estimated completion date May 2011.

Installation/Location	Project Title	Cost Estimate	Project Category
Letterkenny AD	Replace Hot Water Boilers	\$100,000	Family Housing
Letterkenny AD	Renovate Bathrooms (2 baths per home)	\$100,000	Family Housing
Tobyhanna AD	Renovate Sun Rooms	\$97,000	Family Housing
Tobyhanna AD	Replace Porch Covers and Supports		Family Housing
Tobyhanna AD	Senior NCO Family Housing	\$200,000	Housing

\$555 MILLION FOR PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY HOMEOWNERS FACING MORTGAGE PROBLEMS

Contact: Agency: US Army Corps of Engineers Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) (<http://hap.usace.army.mil/>) Phone number: 1-800-861-8144 (Savannah office covers PA). Applicants seeking assistance under the expanded guidelines may submit applications. Typical application turnaround time is 4-5 months. Web site contains specific information on how to apply, and what documentation is needed for current program, which will be similar for those who now qualify under the expanded criteria. For assistance in Congressman Sestak's office, contact Rob Sorensen (202) 225-2011.

Website: HAP main website <http://hap.usace.army.mil/>
Savannah Field Office Website:
<http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/hapinv/index.html>

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

<http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

\$100 MILLION TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING EQUIPMENT WITH PRIORITY FOR LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Implementation: The Pennsylvania Department of Education will award \$3.3 million in equipment assistance for school cafeterias. As required by the United States Department of Agriculture, grants to school districts will be awarded on a competitive basis with preference given to schools where at least 50% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. The Department of Education will release guidelines within 30 days of the federal government providing additional information to states.

Funding shall be provided to States administering a school lunch program in a manner proportional with each States' administrative expense allocation. States shall provide competitive grants to school food authorities based upon the need for equipment assistance in participating schools with priority given to school in which not less than 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

\$650 MILLION FOR 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOMS INCLUDING FOR SCHOOL COMPUTER AND SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

Implementation: In addition to the grants that go directly to school districts, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will award nearly \$13 million for technology upgrades and related training to high-need school districts through a competitive grant process. Guidelines will be released in the near future and information will be made available in the eGrants system. Grants will be announced in Fall 2009.

Contact: Mike Walsh
(717) 214-5972
Ra-stimulus-pde@state.pa.us

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

\$70 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR SERVICES TO HOMELESS CHILDREN INCLUDING MEALS AND TRANSPORTATION

Implementation: The ARRA provides \$1.87 million to Pennsylvania in fiscal year (FY) 2009 funds under the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program, which is authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.

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(McKinney-Vento Act). (For purposes of this guidance, these funds are referred to as “McKinney-Vento ARRA funds.”) The McKinney-Vento ARRA funds are a one-time source of funds that supplement the McKinney-Vento funds made available under the regular FY 2009 appropriation. These additional resources will assist States and local educational agencies (LEAs) in addressing the educational and related needs of some of the most vulnerable members of our society – homeless children and youth – during a time of economic crisis in the United States.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/homeless.pdf>

\$13 BILLION FOR FUNDING FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) TITLE I, PART A) WITH \$399 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: The Department awarded 50 percent of each state's Title I, Part A recovery at the beginning of April. These funds will be awarded under each state's existing approved *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)* Consolidated State Application. The Title I, Part A ARRA awards will be in addition to the regular FY 2009 Title I, Part A grant awards that the Department plans to make on July 1 and Oct. 1, 2009. Information regarding these funds is available at the website below and in the guidance document available in the PDF file below.

The same rules apply to the Supplemental ARRA Title I dollars as the regular Title I dollars. Schools are eligible to use their Title I funding “schoolwide” if they have at least 40% free/reduced lunch population in their building and if they have a schoolwide plan written. Schoolwide programs give schools the maximum amount of flexibility in spending Title I dollars. If a school district’s Title I schools are operating a “schoolwide” Title I program, Title I may fund any activity written in the district’s schoolwide plan.

In a Title I targeted program (for those Title I buildings with less than 40% free/reduced lunch population), the Title I dollars must be targeted to programs for the school’s lowest performing students and be focused in the areas of Reading/Math. As districts plan for to use of Supplemental Title I funds under ARRA, note that whether a particular purchase of such things as science kits, literacy/math coaches and library is materials is permitted, will depend on the type of Title I program being implemented in the schools.

Chester-Upland School District	\$3,704,828
Chichester School District	\$415,804
Colonial School District	\$268,673
Interboro School District	\$334,065
Marple Newtown School District	\$233,135
Norristown Area School District	\$1,161,764

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Penn-Delco School District	\$202,571
Ridley School District	\$479,774
Rose Tree Media School District	\$219,630
Southeast Delco School District	\$1,002,905
Upper Darby School District	\$2,973,536
William Penn School District	\$1,466,687

Actual amounts received by school districts maybe smaller than shown here due to State-level adjustments to Federal Title I allocations, reflecting service area and population changes.

PA Contact: Pennsylvania Department of Education
333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126
717-783-6788

Contact: If you have any questions or concerns, you can email the U.S. Department of Education at TitleI.ARRA@ed.gov.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/title-i.html>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/idea-c.pdf>

\$540 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR DISABLED PEOPLE AND \$140 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS AND SERVICES FOR ELDERLY BLIND PEOPLE

Implementation: For an additional amount for 'Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research' for providing grants to States to carry out the Vocational Rehabilitation Services program under part B of title I and parts B and C of chapter 1 and chapter 2 of title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, \$540,000,000 of that shall be available for part B of title I of the Rehabilitation Act. Funds shall not be considered in determining the amount required to be appropriated under section 100(b)(1) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in any fiscal year, and the Federal share of the costs of vocational rehabilitation services provided with the funds shall be 100 percent. \$140,000,000 shall be available for parts B and C of chapter 1 and chapter 2 of title VII of the Rehabilitation Act. \$18,200,000 shall be for State Grants, \$87,500,000 shall be for independent living centers, and \$34,300,000 shall be for services for older blind individuals.

Contact: RSARecoveryActComments@ed.gov.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/vr.pdf>

\$12.2 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS (INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)) WITH \$456 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: The Department of Education awarded 50 percent of the *IDEA*, Title I Part B and C Grants to States and Preschool Grants recovery funds to SEAs on April 1, 2009. Part B consists of \$11.3 billion for Grants to States; \$400

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million for Preschool Grants. Under Part C, \$500 million is provided for Grants for Infants and Families

The other 50 percent will be awarded by Sept. 1, 2009. These awards will be in addition to the regular fiscal year 2009 Part B awards that will be made on July 1, 2009 (Grants to States and Preschool Grants) and October 1, 2009 (Grants to States only). Together, these grant awards will constitute a state's total FY 2009 Part B Grants to States and Preschool Grants allocations. Information on these funds is available in more detail in the guidance publication in the PDF file below.

Chester-Upland School District	\$2,259,000
Chichester School District	\$886,000
Garnet Valley School District	\$693,000
Great Valley School District	\$866,000
Haverford Township School District	\$1,579,000
Interboro School District	\$878,000
Marple Newtown School District	\$1,092,000
Norristown Area School District	\$1,936,000
Penn-Delco School District	\$787,000
Phoenixville Area School District	\$892,000
Radnor Township School District	\$793,000
Ridley School District	\$1,380,000
Rose Tree Media School District	\$1,072,000
Southeast Delco School District	\$1,273,000
Spring-Ford Area School District	\$1,205,000
Springfield School District	\$867,000
Tredyffrin-Easttown School District	\$1,291,000
Unionville-Chadds Ford School District	\$808,000
Upper Darby School District	\$3,357,000
Upper Merion Area School District	\$805,000
Wallingford-Swarthmore School District	\$725,000
West Chester Area School District	\$3,228,000
William Penn School District	\$1,720,000

PA Contact:

Pennsylvania Department of Education
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Website:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/idea.html>
Part B: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/idea-b.pdf>
Part C: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/idea-c.pdf>

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\$300 MILLION, INCLUDING \$200 MILLION FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STATES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS WHO RAISE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS AND \$100 MILLION FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO STATES TO ADDRESS TEACHER SHORTAGES AND MODERNIZE THE TEACHING WORKFORCE.

To be distributed by competitive grants. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will convene working groups including school districts and other stakeholders regarding the following competitive grants.

Contact:

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/education>
http://www.pdeinfo.state.pa.us/education_budget/lib/education_budget/StimulusGuide.pdf

\$250 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR GRANTS FOR STATES TO CREATE SYSTEMS TRACKING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT DATA

Implementation: To be distributed by competitive grants. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will convene working groups including school districts and other stakeholders regarding the following competitive grants.

Contact:

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/education>
http://www.pdeinfo.state.pa.us/education_budget/lib/education_budget/StimulusGuide.pdf

\$40.6 BILLION AID TO STATES TO BALANCE EDUCATION BUDGETS, PREVENT CUTBACKS AND MODERNIZE SCHOOLS (STATE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND)

Implementation: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is estimated to receive \$1.9 billion of which \$1.6 billion is being allocated to education. Governor Rendell is required to spend 81% of the state's allocation to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education. Announcements by the Governor on the allocation of these funds have been posted on his website (see below).

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/education>
http://www.pdeinfo.state.pa.us/education_budget/lib/education_budget/StimulusGuide.pdf
www.governor.state.pa.us

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\$5 BILLION AID TO STATES IN FORM OF BONUS GRANTS FOR MEETING KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES IN EDUCATION

Implementation: To be distributed by competitive grants. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will convene working groups including school districts and other stakeholders regarding the following competitive grants.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/education>
http://www.pdeinfo.state.pa.us/education_budget/lib/education_budget/StudentGuide.pdf

\$17.114 BILLION TO INCREASE PELL GRANT TO \$5,350 IN 2009 AND TO \$5,550 IN 2010, AND OTHER INCREASES TO STUDENT AID

Implementation: These funds will be available beginning July 1 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Contact:

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

\$60 MILLION TO INCREASE SIZE OF COLLEGES' STUDENT AID FUNDS

Implementation: Increased funding through existing program

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

\$200 MILLION FOR COLLEGES' WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

Implementation: Increased funding through existing program

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

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<http://www.energy.gov/recovery>

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip>

\$3.1 BILLION FOR STATE ENERGY PROGRAM FORMULA GRANTS INCLUDING \$99,684,000 FOR PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, appropriates funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue/award formula-based grants under the State Energy Program(SEP). (The majority of Pennsylvania's SEP funding goes to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Energy Harvest program. Program Guidance for administering Recovery Act funds under the State Energy Program is included as Attachment 1 to this announcement.

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Projects under this FOA will be funded, in whole or in part, with funds appropriated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5, (Recovery Act or Act). The Recovery Act's purposes are to stimulate the economy and to create and retain jobs. The Act gives preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds made available by it for activities that can be initiated not later than June 17, 2009.

Accordingly, special consideration will be given to projects that promote and enhance the objectives of the Act, especially job creation, preservation and economic recovery, in an expeditious manner.

The State Energy Program's (SEP) 20 percent cost match is not required for grants made with Recovery Act funds. DOE encourages plans that achieve a high degree of leveraging, and/or projects that extend the impact of the funds.

Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0000052

CFDA Number: 81.041, State Energy Program

The Initial Application shall be submitted to the following email address: sep-recovery@netl.doe.gov no later than March 23, 2009.

There are several one-time actions you must complete in order to submit an application in response to this Announcement (e.g., obtain a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), and register with FedConnect). Applicants who are not registered with CCR and FedConnect, should allow at least 10 days to complete these requirements. It is suggested that the process be started as soon as possible.

- Applicants must obtain a DUNS number. DUNS website: http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/
- Applicants must register with the CCR. CCR website: <http://www.ccr.gov/>
- Applicants must register with FedConnect to submit their application. FedConnect website: www.fedconnect.net

Federal Contact Information: Darren Stevenson

Darren.Stevenson@netl.doe.gov
412-386-4746

State Contact Information: Office of Energy and Technology Deployment
400 Market Street, 15th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101
717-783-8411

Website: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip>
<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=1374&Q=482975>
<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=1374&q=483024>

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**\$5 BILLION FOR HOME WEATHERIZATION GRANTS TO LOW AND MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES
INCLUDING \$253 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA**

Implementation: New provisions include adjusting the per house limit to \$6,500, increasing to 20% the amount that can be used for training and technical assistance and equipment purchases, and adjusting the family income requirements to 200 percent of poverty level, up from 150%.

PA Contact: Karl A. Kimmel
Chief, Weatherization Unit
Phone: 717-720-7439
Email: kkimmel@state.pa.us

County Contacts: Delaware County: The Community Action Agency at 610-521-9247.
<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/depts/weatherization.html>
Chester County: Housing Partnership of Chester County
41 West Lancaster Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
(610) 518-1522
<http://www.housingpartnershipcc.com/>
Montgomery County: Montgomery County Community Action
Development Commission
113 E. Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401
PHONE #: (610) 277-6363
FAX #: (610) 277-7399
<http://www.cadcom.org/weather.php?lang=en>

Website: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/about.cfm> or
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts_detail.cfm/state=PA
<http://www.newpa.com/strengthen-your-community/redeveloping-your-community/housing/weatherization/index.aspx>.

**\$300 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR ENERGY STAR PROGRAM OFFERING TAX CREDITS TO
CONSUMERS PURCHASING NEW, EFFICIENT APPLIANCES**

Implementation: ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping to save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. ARRA extends tax credits through 2010 and increases the amount of the tax credit to 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year. Information regarding what will qualify under the tax credit is available on the ENERGY STAR website.

- The tax credits that were previously effective for 2009, have been extended to 2010 as well.
- The tax credit has been raised from 10% to 30%.
- The tax credits that were for a specific dollar amount (ex \$300 for a CAC), have been converted to 30% of the cost.

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- The maximum credit has been raised from \$500 to \$1,500 total for the two year period (2009-2010). However, some improvements such as geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, and solar panels are not subject to the \$1,500 maximum.
- The \$200 cap on windows has been removed, but the requirements for windows has been increased significantly. Not all ENERGY STAR qualified windows will qualify.

Home Improvements

- must be "[placed in service](#)" from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010
- must be for taxpayer's principal residence, EXCEPT for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, and small wind energy systems (where second homes and rentals qualify)
- \$1,500 is the maximum total amount that can be claimed for all products placed in service in 2009 & 2010 for most home improvements, EXCEPT for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, fuel cells, and small wind energy systems which are not subject to this cap, and are in effect through 2016
- must have a [Manufacturer Certification Statement](#) to qualify
- for record keeping, save your receipts and the [Manufacturer Certification Statement](#)
- improvements made in 2009 will be claimed on your 2009 taxes (filed by April 15, 2010) — use IRS Tax Form 5695 (2009 version) — it will be available late 2009 or early 2010
- If you are building a new home, you can qualify for the tax credit for geothermal heat pumps, photovoltaics, solar water heaters, small wind energy systems and fuel cells, *but not the tax credits for windows, doors, insulation, roofs, HVAC, or non-solar water heaters.*

Contact: ENERGY STAR hotline 888-782-7937
Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 202-586-9220
Website: http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits#s1

\$6.3 BILLION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS TO STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING \$100 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA (RECOVERY ACT - ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS - FORMULA GRANTS)

Implementation: Open Date: 03/26/2009
Close Date: 06/25/2009
Funding Organization: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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Funding Number: DE-FOA-0000013

a) 16% will be distributed to the State Energy Offices to award to small cities with populations fewer than 35,000 and counties with populations fewer than 200,000 for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. PA Share: \$11.648 MM to \$14.784 MM.

PA Office of Energy will be responsible for some degree of project management and oversight. Under statute, the energy offices have 180 days to distribute this money from the time it is received.

While it depends on the final guidance from DOE, it is possible this money could be awarded to the local governments, and they in turn could award it to wastewater treatment plants, other municipal authorities, school districts, etc.

b) 70% of this money will be awarded directly to large cities and counties for energy projects.

State Energy Offices may be asked to assist these entities with developing their projects but will not take any oversight role although it will make itself available to the larger municipalities to provide consulting and advice regarding the programs they will implement independently. This money may be distributed by DOE according to the federal HUD block grant formula; currently undetermined.

c) The remaining 14% will go to projects not applicable to the Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District.

Contact:

PA Contact:

Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 202-586-9220

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Pa. Department of Environmental Protection

Rachel Carson State Office Bldg.,

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phone: 717.783.0540 | Fax: 717.783.0546

Website:

Information about eligible candidates, funding allocated, and information about applying for grants:

www1.eere.energy.gov/financing/solicitations_detail.html?sol_id=229

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm or

<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=482723>

\$2 BILLION FOR ADVANCED BATTERIES MANUFACTURING GRANTS

Implementation:

Website below will be updated with new information.

Contact:

Kelly Heffner

Department of Environmental Protection

Director of Policy

(717) 772-3612

kheffner@state.pa.us

Website:

www.eere.energy.gov

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\$300 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BUY EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE FUEL BUSES AND TRUCKS

Implementation: Website will be updated when it becomes available.
Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 202-586-9220
Local Contact: Dennis Winters, Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities, P.O. Box 13268, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3268; Phone: 215-790-1894;
E-mail: coordinator@phillycleancities.org
Kelly Heffner
Department of Environmental Protection
Director of Policy
(717) 772-3612
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Website: www.eere.energy.gov

\$2.5 BILLION FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE AND EFFICIENT ENERGY TECHNOLOGY (BIOMASS, GEOTHERMAL, BASE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INTO ADDITIONAL RENEWABLE)

Implementation: Website will be updated when it becomes available.
Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 202-586-9220
Website: www.eere.energy.gov

\$4 BILLION FOR LOAN GUARANTEES FOR STANDARD RENEWABLES

Implementation: Website will be updated when it becomes available.
Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 202-586-9220
Website: www.eere.energy.gov

\$400 MILLION FOR TRANSPORT ELECTRIFICATION GRANTS (FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES THROUGH THE CLEAN CITIES PROGRAM)

Implementation: Waiting for grant information to be finalized.
Contact: Grant Officer Name: Raymond Jarr
Grant Officer Phone: 412 386-5173
Grant Officer E-mail: RJARR@NETL.DOE.GOV
Grant Specialist Name: Janet Laukaitis
Grant Specialist Phone: 412-386-5173
Grant Specialist E-mail: Janet.Laukaitis@NETL.DOE.GOV
PA Contact: Dennis Winters, Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities, P.O. Box 13268, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3268; Phone: 215-790-1894;
E-mail: coordinator@phillycleancities.org;
Website: www.eere.energy.gov or
<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=482723> or
<http://www.phillycleancities.org/>

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\$4 BILLION FOR TRANSMISSION LOAN GUARANTEES

Implementation: Website will be updated.
Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 202-586-9220
Website: www.eere.energy.gov

\$1 BILLION FOR FOSSIL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Implementation: Sign up on the website to receive notification as new information is posted to the website.
Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - (800) 553-7681
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/> ("solicitations / business" tab on the left)

\$800 MILLION FOR RESEARCH INTO LOW-EMISSION COAL PLANTS

Implementation: Sign up on the website to receive notification as new information is posted to the website.
Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - (800) 553-7681
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/> ("solicitations / business" tab on the left)

\$1.52 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR INDUSTRIAL CARBON CAPTURE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Implementation: Sign up on the website to receive notification as new information is posted to the website.
Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - (800) 553-7681
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/> ("solicitations / business" tab on the left)

\$50 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR IDENTIFYING SITES TO STORE CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

Implementation: Sign up on the website to receive notification as new information is posted to the website.
Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - (800) 553-7681
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/> ("solicitations / business" tab on the left)

\$1.6 BILLION FOR PHYSICS RESEARCH INCLUDING HIGH-ENERGY PHYSICS, NUCLEAR PHYSICS AND FUSION ENERGY SCIENCES

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.

\$400 MILLION FOR HIGH-RISK RESEARCH INTO ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.

\$483 MILLION FOR CLEANUP OF FORMER NUCLEAR SITES

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the www.fedbizopps website

\$390 MILLION FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING

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Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) website

\$5.127 BILLION FOR CLEANUP OF FORMER NUCLEAR DEFENSE SITES

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) website

\$10 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS FOR FEDERAL MARKETING ADMINISTRATION

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) website

\$6.5 BILLION FOR CLEANUP OF FORMER NUCLEAR DEFENSE SITES

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov. All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) website

Contact: 202-586-1411

Website: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/>

\$4.4 BILLION FOR MODERNIZATION OF THE ELECTRIC GRID (R&D AND PILOT PROJECTS FOR THE SMART GRID INVESTMENT PROGRAM)

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov)

Contact: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability: 202-586-1411

Website: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/>

Local Contact: Karl Lasher | Executive Assistant
Office of Energy and Technology Deployment
Pa. Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building,
400 Market Street | Harrisburg, PA 17101
Phone: 717.783.0540 | Fax: 717.783.0546

\$100 MILLION FOR TRAINING OF ELECTRIC GRID WORKERS

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
A portion may go to apprentice type programs and could include competitive grants to states to administer energy and energy efficiency workforce programs; partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veterans' communities, and state and local governments.

Contact: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability: 202-586-1411

Website: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/>

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE

http://www.hhs.gov/recovery

Health Resources and Services Administration

www.hrsa.gov

\$2 BILLION FOR RENOVATION AND HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PURCHASES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Implementation: The HRSA intends to post more information on its website regarding how to distribute these funds for community centers, which include funds for construction as well as provision of services.

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\$500 MILLION FOR TRAINING OF NURSES, PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS TO PRACTICE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS

Implementation: \$300 million of these funds will go to expanded National Health Service Corps grants and scholarships. This program helps pay off education costs for individuals agreeing to work in underserved areas for at least 2 years. Additionally, \$200 million will go into promoting primary care physicians. These funds will be provided through existing grant systems.

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Website: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/> or <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/about/>

\$4.4 MILLION FOR SENIOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

Implementation: To help older Americans maintain their health and independence, the legislation includes \$100 million for meals and nutrition services under the Older Americans Act.

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National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nih.gov/>

http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM

Implementation: Specific ARRA information available at the HHS recovery website listed below.

\$155 million has been released to fund 126 community health centers. In Pennsylvania, \$6.7 million is designated to help a projected 39,930 patients and create 295 jobs.

Organization Name	City	State	Award Amount
BROAD TOP AREA MEDICAL CENTER, INC.	BROAD TOP	PA	\$138,165
KEYSTONE RURAL HEALTH CENTER	CHAMBERSBURG	PA	\$439,000
CHESPENN HEALTH SERVICES	CHESTER	PA	\$220,761
GLENDALE AREA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.	COALPORT	PA	\$133,231
KEYSTONE RURAL HEALTH CONSORTIA, INC.	EMPORIUM	PA	\$149,638
COMMUNITY HEALTH NET	ERIE	PA	\$208,334
CENTERVILLE CLINICS INC	FREDERICKTOWN	PA	\$620,497
CORNERSTONE CARE	GREENSBORO	PA	\$276,947
HAMILTON HEALTH CENTER, INC.	HARRISBURG	PA	\$265,356
WAYNE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS	HONESDALE	PA	\$155,916
HYNDMAN AREA HEALTH CENTER, INC.	HYNDMAN	PA	\$134,650
SOUTHEAST LANCASTER HEALTH SERVICES	LANCASTER	PA	\$242,688
STO-ROX FAMILY HEALTH COUNCIL, INC.	MCKEES ROCKS	PA	\$147,128
WELSH MOUNTAIN MEDICAL & DENTAL CENTER	NEW HOLLAND	PA	\$173,257
COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC, INC.	NEW KENSINGTON	PA	\$100,000

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COVENANT HOUSE, INC.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$240,720
DELAWARE VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH, INC	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$555,770
ESPERANZA HEALTH CENTER	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$134,465
GREATER PHILADELPHIA HEALTH ACTION, INC.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$998,180
PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$242,715
QUALITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE, INC.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$249,445
RESOURCES FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, INC.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$246,343
SPECTRUM HEALTH SERVICES	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$225,643
THE SAYRE HEALTH CENTER	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$114,584
EAST LIBERTY FAMILY HEALTH CARE CENTER	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$200,704
NORTH SIDE CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$99,785
PRIMARY CARE HEALTH SERVICES, INC	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$354,893
SQUIRREL HILL HEALTH CENTER	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$122,095
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$115,513
SCRANTON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTER, INC	SCRANTON	PA	\$209,138
PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK	SHARON	PA	\$773,866
BARNES-KASSON HEALTH CENTER FINANCE OFFICER	SUSQUEHANNA	PA	\$191,948
COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICES	UNIOTOWN	PA	\$100,000
NORTH PENN COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES, INC	WELLSBORO	PA	\$255,530
RURAL HEALTH CORP. OF NORTHEASTERN PA	WILKES-BARRE	PA	\$311,090
FAMILY FIRST HEALTH CORPORATION	YORK	PA	\$300,779

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Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html>

\$9.5 BILLION FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Implementation: The Director's Statement is available at http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm. Specific NIH ARRA grant information is now available at the website below. Dates for completion of grant applications are also available at the NIH website.

The NIH announced the availability of Recovery Act funds for Administrative Supplements Providing Summer Research Experiences for Students and Science Educators, This announcement is one of three ARRA administrative supplement/competitive revision notices issued by NIH. Approximately \$1 billion of ARRA funds will be obligated by September 30, 2010 to support requests submitted in response to these three notices or any reissuance of these notices. More information can be found at the website below.

State	Institution	Location (City/State)	Project Title	Summary	Amount
PA	Penn State	UNIVERSITY PARK, PA	Neuronal events and molecular pathways in active dendrite degeneration	This grant investigates why dendrites, which are branches of nerve cells, degenerate during seizures, stroke, and other stresses, and may suggest strategies to slow degeneration.	\$ 214,139
PA	Fox Chase Cancer Center	Philadelphia, PA	Symptom Cluster Assessment and Intervention Trial	This study will examine a symptom cluster as it changes in the context of cancer therapy and tailored symptom management.	\$ 217,916
PA	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	CereTom CT for Use With a microPET Scanner for Preclinical PET/CT Imaging	This system will help facilitate translational research and therapy development, from mouse models to larger animals and ultimately to humans, for wide variety of pathologies.	\$ 463,521
PA	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburg, PA	Lanthanide Containing ZnS Nanoparticles	This R21 grant will develop a family of nanoparticles that operate as fluorescent reporters in "in vivo" and "in vitro" bioanalytical	\$ 215,920

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				applications, including biological imaging.	
PA	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	Development of a Tissue-Specific fMRI Technique	This R21 grant will develop a non-invasive imaging technique of brain activity that is faster and more accurate than currently available techniques.	\$ 207,969
PA	Temple University	Philadelphia, PA	CBPR on Active Living and Recovery for Racial/Ethnic Groups with Mental Illness	The study will test the effectiveness of community-based enhancements to quality of life and leisure activities in recovery from mental illness.	\$ 187,500
PA	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	A clinical animal MR imager designed for translational research: the 7T Clinscan	This instrument is a key translational instrument and enables "bench to bedside and back again."	\$ 2,000,000
PA	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia/PA	Console and gradient amplifiers for a 9.4 T vertical bore MRI/MRS system	The instrumentation will aid in the development of an understanding of disease diagnosis, progression and response to therapy.	\$ 498,200
PA	Temple University	Philadelphia, PA	Small Animal Module for Translational MR Neuroimaging at 3 Telsa	The MRI allows high power scanning of small animal models of neurological disorders. It will allow testing and validation of non-invasive diagnostic strategies used in clinics.	\$ 134,550
PA	Northwestern University	University Park, PA	New Methods for Estimating Effects of Parenting on Child Eating and Overweight	This study will enable obesity researchers to draw more reliable conclusions about the effect of parenting practices on childhood obesity.	\$ 85,484

Website:

<http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/>

http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/ic_supp.html

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-060.html>

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\$500 MILLION FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS

Implementation: Projects will follow normal contracting and procurement avenues. On March 5th, \$1 billion was released for use in the following two categories: Core Facility Renovation, Repair and the Improvement and Extramural Research Facilities Program. Information concerning application procedures is available at the NIH website below.
Important dates for Core Facility Renovation, Repair, and Improvement (G20): Release/Posted Date: March 5, 2009
Opening Date: August 17, 2009 (Earliest date an application may be submitted to Grants.gov)
NOTE: On-time submission requires that applications be successfully submitted to Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time (of the applicant institution/organization).
Application Due Date(s): September 17, 2009
Earliest Anticipated Start Date(s): July 2010
Additional Information: To Be Available Date (Activation Date): Not Applicable
Expiration Date: September 18, 2009
Important dates for Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program (C06): Release/Posted Date: March 5, 2009
Opening Date: April 6, 2009 (Earliest date an application may be submitted to Grants.gov)
NOTE: On-time submission requires that applications be successfully submitted to Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time (of the applicant institution/organization).
Application Due Date(s): May 6, 2009 (projects between \$2M and \$5M); June 17, 2009 (projects between \$10M and \$15M), July 17, 2009 (projects between \$5M and \$10M)
Peer Review Date(s): June 2009 and October 2009
Council Review Date(s): October 2009 and January 2010
Earliest Anticipated Start Date(s): December 2009 and April 2010
Additional Information To Be Available Date (Activation Date): Not Applicable
Expiration Date: July 18, 2009

Website: www.fedbizopps.gov
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-09-007.html>

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Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

<http://www.ahrq.gov/>

**\$1.1 BILLION FOR FUNDING FOR RESEARCH COMPARING EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENTS
FUNDED BY MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND SCHIP**

Implementation: Work underway with Department of HHS and NIH to determine how funding will be allocated. Direct inquiries to Karen

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Administration for Children and Families

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

**\$2 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME WORKING
PARENTS**

Implementation: The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is the primary Federal program specifically devoted to child care services and quality. It enables low-income parents and parents receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to work or to participate in the educational or training programs they need in order to work. Funds may also be used to serve children in protective services. In addition, a portion of CCDF funds must be used to enhance child care quality and availability.

The \$2 billion in Recovery Act funds for the Child Care and Development Fund will allow states across the country to support child care services for more families whose children require care while they are working, seeking employment or receiving job training or education. The funds will be used by states to provide vouchers to families for child care or to provide access to care through contracts with child care centers. Recovery Act dollars will support a wide range of child care providers, including child care centers and home-based programs.

A portion of the funds will be used to improve overall quality and enhance infant and toddler care. For example, states may train child care providers, assist providers in meeting health and safety requirements, hire specialists specifically trained to work with infant and toddler providers, provide grants to providers to achieve higher quality and invest in other initiatives.

The new funds supplement the existing \$5 billion child care subsidy program, the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The Recovery Act funds will be awarded on a formula basis to states, the District of Columbia, five territories and 260 tribal grantees representing approximately 500 Indian tribes.

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Pennsylvania is to receive \$4,972,267 for quality expansion, \$2,879,592 for infants and toddlers, and \$52,294,906 for discretionary funding for a total of \$60,146,767.

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\$1 BILLION FOR EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME INFANTS

Implementation: Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. Specific ARRA information available at the HHS recovery website listed below.

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Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/index.html>

\$1 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT, FOOD, HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE PROJECTS (COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS)

Implementation: The Recovery Act provides for \$1 billion in additional funds to the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program for Federal Fiscal Year 2009. As with regularly appropriated CBSG funds, Recovery Act funds may be used for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient.

Distribution of Funds:

States will receive Recovery Funds, as a separate allotment, under the same formula used for funds allocated under regular annual appropriations. Fifty States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Federal and State-recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations will receive \$985 million in Recovery Funds. The Recovery Act mandates that States pass through no less than 99 percent of their Recovery Act allocations for grants to “eligible entities” under the CSBG Act, commonly referred to as Community Action agencies.

State Plan Amendments:

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States and Tribes will be required to submit to the Office of Community Service (OCS) an amendment to the FFY 2009 CSBG Application and Plan regarding the use of the Recovery Funds. They will be expected to make the amended plan available for public inspection and comment and begin distributing Recovery Funds as soon as they become available.

- [CSBG State Information Memorandum](#)
- [CSBG Tribal Information Memorandum](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about CSBG application procedures, distribution and use of funds, income eligibility, Reporting/Monitoring, Obligations/Expenditures, and related Tribal FAQs

State Use of Funds: Unlike the regularly-funded CSBG program, the authority as outlined in the Recovery Act does not allow for State administrative expenditures and statewide discretionary activities as stated in Section 675C(b) of the CSBG Act. The authorization does, however, allow for States to reserve one (1) percent of -the-funds for benefits enrollment coordination activities relating to the identification and enrollment of eligible individuals and families in Federal, State, and local benefit programs.

Income Eligibility Requirement: The official poverty line as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services is used as a criterion of eligibility in the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. Under provisions of the Recovery Act, during fiscal years 2009 and 2010, States may use 200% (increased from 125%) of the federal poverty level, as opposed to 100%, as the criterion of eligibility for CSBG programs and services if they determine that that higher eligibility level serves the purposes of the CSBG program.

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<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/index.html>

\$50 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE COMPASSION CAPITAL FUND

Implementation: The Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will be overseeing the development of these organizations. The plan to implement this is under development.

Local Contact: 1.866.CCF.5129 (National Resource Center)

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ccf/>

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Administration on Aging

<http://www.aoa.gov/>

\$100 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR ELDERLY NUTRITION SERVICES INCLUDING \$65 MILLION FOR CONGREGATE NUTRITION SERVICES AND \$32 MILLION FOR HOME-DELIVERED NUTRITION SERVICES (MEALS ON WHEELS)

Implementation: States will award the funds to organizations that provide nutrition services in their communities. Funds available for Pennsylvania: congregate nutrition is \$3 million while funds for home delivery services are \$1.48 million.

National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/>

\$2 BILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Implementation: Not yet available.

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Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

\$650 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CAMPAIGNS, VACCINATION PROGRAMS, HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Implementation: Proposing Projects to HHS, will be posted online when specific projects are determined.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/>

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

<http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm>

202-282-8108

Projects supported by these funds will not only make the country safer and more secure, but they also will create new jobs, and in some cases, save the jobs of men and women who do the work of staying ahead of those who would seek to do us harm.

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- \$650 million (\$200 million to DHS; \$450 million to GSA)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP):

- \$720 million for construction at land ports of entry (\$300 million GSA; \$420 million CBP)
- \$100 million for Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) technology
- \$100 million for border technology on the southwest border
- \$60 million for tactical communications equipment and radios

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):

- \$20 million for ICE automation modernization and tactical communications

Transportation Security Administration:

- \$1 billion for explosives detection systems and checkpoint screening equipment

U.S. Coast Guard:

- \$142 million for Alteration of Bridges program
- \$98 million for construction, which may include the following:
 - Shore facilities and aids to navigation facilities
 - Vessel repair/acquisition (includes High Endurance Cutter, National Security Cutter)

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- \$100 million for Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- \$150 million for transit and rail security grants
- \$150 million for port security grants, no non-federal match required
- \$210 million for Assistance to Firefighter (AFG) grants for firehouse construction; maximum grant is \$15.0M (www.firegrantsupport.com)
- \$5 million expansion in authority for FEMA Community Disaster Loans
- Requires the establishment of an arbitration panel to resolve Katrina/Rita public assistance disputes
- Requires FEMA to accept additional applications for Katrina/Rita public assistance
- All non-federal matching requirements for SAFER grants waived for FY 2009-2010

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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

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\$100 MILLION FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM (EFSP)

Implementation:

The funding made available to the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP), through the American Response and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA), presented the National Board with an opportunity to review its historic formula in light of the purpose of the stimulus funding and recent significant changes to the unemployment and economic climate faced by our country today. In their review, the National Board determined that the historic formula, utilizing both unemployment and poverty as indicators of need in terms of qualifying criteria, remains appropriate. As in all previous cycles of funding, the most recent unemployment statistics are used and the qualifying percentages are adjusted, as appropriate, to follow the historic formula. However, the National Board discussed the continued increase in unemployment that may not be reflected in the statistics available. To quickly get the funding out to the local boards and service providers, the National Board determined that a single per capita rate would be used for both qualifying jurisdictions and State Set-Aside Committees (SSA). By doing this, the SSA percentage of the award will increase and will give the EFSP, through the SSA Committees, the continued flexibility to address areas most in need, including those with continued growing unemployment.

The formula, which has been used since Phase 3 (1985) of the EFSP, requires jurisdictions to meet a minimum number of unemployed individuals. If the jurisdiction meets the minimum number of individuals unemployed requirement, then they must meet or exceed either of two criteria – unemployment rate or poverty rate. (Note: A jurisdiction is either a county or city. Sometimes a city will qualify all of the county/counties in which it lies. Prior to Phase 3, only unemployment rates were used to qualify a jurisdiction for funding. Additionally, the minimum number of unemployed has been changed from time to time.)

The unemployment rates used are based upon the National Average Unemployment Rate from the most recent 12-month unemployment statistics available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Two different rates are used to recognize the differences between the more urban/suburban jurisdictions and the smaller/more rural jurisdictions. Although the rates vary from phase to phase based upon the National Average, the EFSP formula for the larger jurisdictions has dropped down 1% from the National Average Unemployment Rate and gone up 1% for the smaller jurisdictions. Essentially, this has made it easier for the larger jurisdictions to qualify.

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The poverty rate used is based upon the National Average Poverty Rate from the most recent Census statistics available. The EFSP formula drops below the National Average. Census 2000 will again be used for ARRA funding.

Once jurisdictions are qualified for funding, the amount received per unemployed person is based upon the number of unemployed in all qualifying jurisdictions and a per capita amount is determined. The per capita amount is multiplied by the number of unemployed persons and that is the jurisdiction's direct award.

The Program Overview for each Phase includes the formula currently being used. For ARRA funding it is:

Jurisdictions that qualified for awards were chosen based on the following criteria:

1. most current 12-month national unemployment rates;
2. total number of unemployed within a civil jurisdiction;
3. total number of individuals below the poverty level within a civil jurisdiction; and,
4. the total population of the civil jurisdiction.

More specifically, jurisdictions were selected to receive ARRA funding according to one of the following criteria:

- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 13,000+ unemployed and a 5.0% rate of unemployment.
- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 300 to 12,999 unemployed and a 7.0% rate of unemployment.
- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 300 or more unemployed and an 11.0% rate of poverty.

For those jurisdictions that do not meet the National Board's criteria, the State Set-Aside (SSA) program was established in Phase 5 (1987). The purpose of SSA is to give an award to each state based upon unemployment in the non-qualifying jurisdictions. The SSA Committee is directed to fund areas of greatest need in their state based upon the indicators of need that they choose. SSA Committees are directed to consider jurisdictions:

- that have experienced significant changes in unemployment and need since October 2008;
- that previously qualified for the program, but no longer meet the established formula and demonstrate high levels of need;
- with unusually high levels of unemployment or poverty, but do not meet the minimum unemployed cut-off;
- that have pockets of homelessness or poverty and do not qualify for direct funding; or,

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- that are experiencing recent negative economic changes, such as plant closings or major job losses.

As a total, each state receives a minimum of \$75,000 (this includes both direct funded jurisdictions and the amount to the SSA Committee). The EFSP formula covers 100% of the Nation's unemployment between the qualifying jurisdictions and the amount to the SSA Committee based on the unemployment in the non-qualifying jurisdictions.

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**\$210 MILLION FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO UPGRADE STATE AND LOCAL FIRE STATIONS
(ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANTS (AFG))**

Implementation: Grant guidance and applications for the AFG monies made available under the ARRA (Recovery Act) will be announced and posted on the web site as soon as they are made available and the respective application periods open.

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is to award one-year grants directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations of a State to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.

The purpose of the SAFER grants is to award grants directly to volunteer, combination, and career fire departments to help the departments increase their cadre of firefighters. Ultimately, the goal is for SAFER grantees to enhance their ability to attain 24-hour staffing and thus assuring their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The SAFER grants have two activities that will help grantees attain this goal: 1) hiring of firefighters and 2) recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

Website: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/>

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery>

<http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/>

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/findapplybrochure.pdf>

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched a new website on March 19th for consumers seeking information about the Obama Administration's Making Home Affordable loan modification and refinancing program. MakingHomeAffordable.gov offers features including interactive self-assessment tools that will empower borrowers to determine if they're eligible to participate and calculate the monthly mortgage payment reductions they could stand to realize under the Making Home Affordable program. [Http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/](http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/)

\$1.5 BILLION FOR SHORT-TERM HELP WITH RENT AND HOUSING RELOCATION FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

Implementation: \$1.416 through Continuum of Care competitive grants; \$160 million through Emergency Shelter Grants

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/library/coc/> or
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/>

\$197 Million in Pennsylvania for a Low Income Housing Tax Credit Exchange Program

Implementation: Applies to senior or special needs occupancy properties for persons at or below 60% of median income, with at least half of the units available to persons at or below 50% of median income. Funds will fit equity gaps in multifamily development awarded federal low income housing tax credits in 2007-2009. Funds will be distributed to project owners who received an allocation of federal low income housing tax credits in 2007-2009. Priority will be given to those projects that can commence construction by January 1st, 2011.

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\$2.25 BILLION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROGRADES TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING, INCLUDING NEW INSULATION, WINDOWS AND FURNACES.

Implementation: Applies to Section 202, 811, and 8 housing units. Public housing authorities may apply through a competitive bid process for contracts to rehabilitate or construct new housing units. A local housing agency can attach up to 20% of its voucher assistance to specific housing projects. The owner may also agree to set aside a portion of the units in an existing development

Website: www.hud.gov
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\$100 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR REMOVING LEAD-BASED PAINT IN LOW-INCOME HOUSING.

Implementation: These funds for HUD are award grants for those applicants under its fiscal year 2008 Notice of Funding Availability that were qualified for award but were not funded due to limitations of funds originally available. The Healthy Homes Technical Studies, Healthy Homes Demonstration and Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Programs are the grants that can be awarded.

Website: www.hud.gov/recovery/arract2009.cfm

\$4 BILLION FOR REPAIRS AND MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS

Implementation: Money will be distributed directly to Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery County by March 19.

Contacts: Delaware County Housing Authority:
1855 Constitution Avenue, P.O. Box 100, Woodlyn, PA 19094;
Purchasing Director - Dennis Decker - Phone: (610) 490-6232; Fax: (610) 490-3314, E-mail: ddecker@dchal.org.
Procurement Manager - Ray Dougherty - Phone: (610) 490-6212; Fax -
Fax: (610) 490-3314; Email - rayd@dchal.org.

Montgomery County Housing Authority –
Modernization and Development - Rhonda Heckman, Robert P. Smith
Towers
501 E. High Street, Pottstown, PA 19464;
Phone: (610) 326-7332 ext. 25; Fax: (610) 970-9228; E-mail:
rheckman@montcoha.org.
2nd Contact - Joel Johnson –
104 W. Main Street, Suite 1, Norristown, PA 19401;
Phone: (610) 275-5720; E-mail: joel.johnson@montcoha.org; Website:
www.montcoha.org.

Chester County Housing Authority - www.haccnet.org.

\$15 MILLION FOR FUNDS FOR BUILDING AND REHABILITATING LOW-INCOME HOUSING USING GREEN TECHNOLOGY.

Implementation: Not yet available, more information will be available by April 17, 2009.

\$50 MILLION TO INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED MORTGAGE PROVIDER CONFORMING LOAN LIMITS

Implementation: Not yet available

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\$1 BILLION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

Implementation: Funds will be distributed by formula to entitled states, municipalities, and counties. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will distribute the \$12.4 million allocation of CDBG funds through state entitlement communities. Priority will be given to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/>

Contacts: **County of Chester** (<http://www.chesco.org/>)

Mr. Patrick Bokovitz, Director
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Phone: (610) 344-6900, Fax: (610) 344-6925
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County of Delaware (<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/hcd/index.html>)

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Email: WessonJ@co.delaware.pa.us

Bryce Maretzki, Policy Director, Department of Community and Economic Development
(717) 720-1379, bmaretzki@state.pa.us

County of Montgomery (<http://www.montcopa.org>)

Mr. Terence C. McMullen, Assistant Director
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Haverford Township (<http://www.haverfordtownship.com>)

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2325 Darby Rd., Havertown, PA 19083-2201
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\$2.25 BILLION FOR FUNDS FOR BUILDING AND REHABILITATING LOW-INCOME HOUSING USING GREEN TECHNOLOGY. HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Implementation: These funds will be administered similarly to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

<http://www.doi.gov/>

Bureau of Reclamation

<http://www.usbr.gov/>

\$1 BILLION FOR WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS

Implementation: These projects are almost exclusively in the western U.S.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en.html>

\$125 MILLION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ON FEDERAL LANDS

Implementation: Not yet available

\$15 MILLION FOR WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

Implementation: Not yet available

\$180 MILLION FOR PRIORITY ROAD, BRIDGE AND TRAIL REPAIRS

Implementation: Not yet available

National Park Service (NPS)

<http://www.nps.gov/>

\$15 MILLION FOR PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Implementation: Funds will be available through competitive grants.

Contact: Cultural Resources
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW (2280), Washington, DC 20240-0001
202.354.2276 (telephone)
202.371.2422 (fax)

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/history/crdi/colleges/blk.htm>

\$650 MILLION FOR RENOVATION OF FOREST ROADS, BRIDGES AND TRAILS, REMEDIATION OF ABANDONED MINES, REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO FISH AND OTHER CRITICAL HABITAT

Implementation: Not yet available

\$735 MILLION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE (\$14.516 MILLION FOR 27 PROJECTS IN PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation: **Valley Forge**
Complete the Rehabilitation of the Historic Valley Forge Train Station
Rehabilitate Exterior at Two Historic Quarters (multiple projects) Repair
and Replace Damaged Plaster and Stucco Surfaces at Multiple Historic
Buildings

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Valley Forge Total \$2,182,000

Delaware Water Gap

Repaint Building and Replace Inefficient Windows

Replace Roof and Exterior Siding at Headquarters (multiple projects)

Delaware Water Gap Total \$235,000

Fort Necessity

Replace Maintenance Building Oil Heating System with Geothermal System

Fort Necessity Total \$708,000

Frederick Law Olmsted

Complete Retrofit of Historic Barn for Adaptive Reuse

Frederick Law Olmsted Total \$322,000

Gettysburg

Rehabilitate Historic Daniel Klinge House For Use As Employee

Quarters Replace 5,000 ft. Deteriorated Waterline at McMillan Woods

Scout Camp

Gettysburg Total \$717,000

Hopewell Furnace

Install Interior and Exterior Solar Lighting at Storage Building Prune and

Remove Trees at Upper Village Remove and Replace Roof at Historic

Charcoal House Repair and Regrade Lenape Trail Surface Repair and

Replace Deteriorated Historic Windows at the Ironmasters House Repair

Electrical Wiring at Historic Iron Master's House Repair, Rehabilitate and

Paint Historic Structures (multiple projects)

Hopewell Furnace Total \$827,000

Independence

Install Equipment to Coordinate and Reduce Peak Use Loading at 92

Utility Meters Parkwide Rehabilitate Independence Tower Stabilize and

Repair Historic Cobblestones at Rose Garden

Independence Total \$5,642,000

Johnstown Flood

Reconstruct North and South Abutment Observation Platforms Replace

HVAC System at Historic Unger House and Visitor Center

Johnstown Flood Total \$396,000

Steamtown

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Demolish Replace Two Condensing Towers to Protect Museum Artifacts
Rehabilitate Historic Railway Coach Repair and Maintain 4 Historic
Operational Locomotives and Passenger Cars Replace Overhead Cranes
Used to Move Railroad Materials
Steamtown Total \$1,192,000

Steamtown NHS

Stabilize Railroad Equipment and Remove Asbestos
Steamtown NHS Total \$2,150,000

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River

Repair and Weatherize Five Buildings (multiple projects)
Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River Total \$145,000

Contact:

To inquire about contract work at Valley Forge National Historical Park,
please contact: Jennifer McMenamin, Chief of Maintenance, 610-783-1023

For other projects, interested contractors and vendors should go to
www.fbo.gov. There's a link on the home page to ARRA opportunities.

Partner organizations interested in opportunities through grants and
agreements should visit www.grants.gov. We anticipate that parks and
offices within the Service will begin posting ARRA opportunities to these
sites in the coming days.

\$500 MILLION FOR FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION ON FEDERAL AND STATE LANDS

Implementation: Not yet available

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

<http://www.fws.gov/>

**\$280 MILLION FOR WILDLIFE REFUGE AND FISH HATCHERY CONSTRUCTION, DEFERRED
MAINTENANCE, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT VISITORS CENTERS**

Implementation: Not yet available

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

<http://www.usgs.gov/>

**\$140 MILLION FOR REPAIRING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
SEISMIC, VOLCANO, MONITORING AND STREAM GAGES**

Implementation: Not yet available

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\$2 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (BRYNE JAG)

Implementation: The JAG Program, administered by Office of Justice Program (OJP)'s Bureau of Justice Assistance, allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. JAG grants allocated on a formula based on population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local governments.

Funding awarded directly to the state governments will be administered by the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), a State Administering Agency (SAA); it will set priorities and allocate funds within Pennsylvania. Additional information about SAAs can be found here: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm>.

Units of local government appearing on the FY 2009 Recovery Act Units of Local Government List, established by OJP's Bureau of Justice Statistics, will also be eligible to apply for JAG funds. Municipalities and townships in Pennsylvania's seventh district are summarized below.

State	Jurisdiction Name	Government Type	Eligible Individual Allocation
PA	CHESTER COUNTY	County	*
PA	PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH	Municipal	\$31,556
PA	WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP	Township	\$30,318
PA	WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP	Township	\$21,656
TOTAL CHESTER COUNTY			\$83,530
PA	DELAWARE COUNTY	County	*
PA	BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH	Municipal	\$11,962
PA	CLIFTON HEIGHTS BOROUGH	Municipal	\$29,906
PA	COLLINGDALE BOROUGH	Municipal	\$65,380
PA	EAST LANSDOWNE BOROUGH	Municipal	\$15,675
PA	FOLCROFT BOROUGH	Municipal	\$29,081
PA	GLENOLDEN BOROUGH	Municipal	\$17,325
PA	LANSDOWNE BOROUGH	Municipal	\$32,174
PA	MEDIA BOROUGH	Municipal	\$10,725
PA	PROSPECT PARK BOROUGH	Municipal	\$15,468
PA	SHARON HILL BOROUGH	Municipal	\$19,593

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PA	TRAINER BOROUGH	Municipal	\$11,756
PA	ASTON TOWNSHIP	Township	\$18,562
PA	DARBY TOWNSHIP	Township	\$10,519
PA	HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP	Township	\$15,468
PA	NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP	Township	\$13,200
PA	RADNOR TOWNSHIP	Township	\$21,450
PA	RIDLEY TOWNSHIP	Township	\$42,280
PA	SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP	Township	\$16,912
PA	TINICUM TOWNSHIP	Township	\$18,356
PA	UPPER CHICHESTER TOWNSHIP	Township	\$42,280
PA	UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP	Township	\$188,509

TOTAL DELAWARE COUNTY	\$646,581
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PA	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	County	*
PA	CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH	Municipal	\$13,612
PA	UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP	Township	\$18,562
PA	WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP	Township	\$23,512

TOTAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$55,686
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Total PA 07 **\$785,797**

State of Pennsylvania **\$45,453,997**

Grand Total for State of Pennsylvania **\$72,372,843**

* Counties that have an asterisk (*) under the “Eligible Individual Allocation” column are ineligible for a direct FY 09 Recovery Act- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award from BJA. For JAG purposes, these counties remain a partner with the jurisdictions receiving funds and must be a signatory on the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). A sample MOU is provided online at:
<http://www.oip.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/09JAGMOU.pdf>

** Amounts for disparate jurisdictions appearing in the “Eligible Individual Allocation” column are suggested amounts based on what each jurisdiction would have been eligible to receive if there was no identified disparity. Disparate jurisdictions are responsible for determining individual allocations and documenting individual allocations in the MOU. Additional JAG Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the BJA JAG web page at:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/09JAGFAQ.pdf>

All, Byrne JAG solicitations for states and local governments are now available. Please see the following information:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: State Solicitation

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Applications due: April 9, 2009

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation
Applications due: May 18, 2009

JAG Allocations and Disparate Information
(<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>)

JAG Sample Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Local Grantees
(<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryMOU.pdf>)

JAG Performance Measures (http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/JAG_Measures.pdf)

Contact: For assistance with the requirements, contact: BJA toll-free at 1-866-268-0079 or e-mail JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov. This e-mail account will be checked hourly. A response will be provided within one business day. You may also contact your BJA State Policy Advisor at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/resource/stcont.htm, or Eileen M. Garry, Deputy Director for Programs, at 202-307-6226 or eileen.garry@usdoj.gov.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

\$225 MILLION EDWARD BYRNE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Implementation: Byrne Competitive Grants are available to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime (other than compensation) and for youth mentoring initiatives. These grants help state and local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and may be used for national efforts such as training and technical assistance. Applicants may be national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support the purpose areas of this grant program.

The deadline to submit applications for the Edward Byrne Competitive Grants Program is April 27, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

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Solicitation advice for prospective applicants is available at the website below including requirements for applicants, updates, and additional information which could affect project proposal narratives, timelines, budget requests, certifications, and other application related matters.

A detailed report on eligibility, performance measures, how to apply, application instructions, selection criteria, and the review process are available in the PDF website below.

Contact:

Category I: Comprehensive Community-Based Data-Driven Approach to Preventing and Reducing Violent Crime

James Chavis: 202-307-0688, james.chavis@usdoj.gov

Category II: Providing for Funding of Neighborhood Probation and Parole Officers

Gary Dennis: 202-305-9059, gary.dennis@usdoj.gov

Category III: Reducing Mortgage Fraud and Crime Related to Vacant Properties

Paul Steiner: 202-616-3630, paul.steiner@usdoj.gov

Category IV: Hiring of Civilian Staff in Law Enforcement and Public Safety-Related Agencies

Steve Edwards: 202-307-0500, steven.edwards@usdoj.gov

Category V: Enhancing Forensic and Crime Scene Investigations

Thurston Bryant, 202-514-8082, Thurston.bryant@usdoj.gov

Category VI: Improving Resources and Services for Victims of Crime

Laura Ivkovich: 202-616-3576, laura.Ivkovich@usdoj.gov

Category VII: Supporting Problem-Solving Courts

Preeti Menon: 202-353-3511, preeti.menon@usdoj.gov

Category VIII: National Training and Technical Assistance Partnerships

Deborah Meader: 202-305-2601 deborah.meader@usdoj.gov

Website:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf>

<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>

\$225 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAMS

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Implementation: Specific Office on Violence Against Women investments in the Act include \$175 million for the STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program and \$50 million for the Transitional Housing Assistance Grant Program.

The STOP Program also provides funds for Grants to State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions, the Indian Tribal Governments Grant Program, and the Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program.

Visit: https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/listservs/subscribe_JUVJUST.asp to subscribe to get updates

State Contact: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Victims' Services Program
Toll Free Phone: 800-692-7292 ext. 4

State Websites: <http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/>
<http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/cwp/>

Federal Websites: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>; or
<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/>

\$1 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HIRE EXTRA POLICE OFFICERS (COPS HIRING)

Implementation: The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (the COPS Office) is announcing the availability of funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). The COPS Office will receive the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to address the personnel needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement. Application materials are scheduled to be available before the end of March. CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. Up to \$1 billion in grant funding will be available for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers. There is no local match requirement for CHRP, but grant funding will be based on current entry-level salaries and benefits packages. Any additional costs for higher salaries or benefits for particular individuals hired will be the responsibility of the grantee agency. Applications for CHRP grants will be accepted only online through the COPS Office web site: [www.cops.usdoj.gov /](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/) <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>. The COPS Office looks forward to working with the law enforcement agencies that apply under this program and will provide technical assistance to applicants during the solicitation process, as requested.

Contact: David Buchanan, Vonda Matthews, or Shannon Long at 202.514.9079

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Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/> or [www.cops.usdoj.gov /](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/)
<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>

\$40 MILLION FOR GRANTS INCLUDING FUNDING FOR HIGH-INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (WHICH INCLUDES DELAWARE AND CHESTER COUNTIES)

Implementation: This is a competitive grant program to provide assistance and equipment to law enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas to combat criminal narcotics activity from stemming from the Southern border. By statute, \$10 million of these funds is available for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to be administered for its Project Gunrunner program.

The deadline to submit applications for the Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program is April 17, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be submitted through the OJP online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>
<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>

\$100 MILLION VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) STATE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Implementation: \$47.5 million- VOCA State Crime Victim Compensation Program.

OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) administers this formula grant program, which supplements states efforts to compensate crime victims. State crime victim compensation programs reimburse victims for crime-related expenses such as medical costs, mental health counseling, funeral and burial costs, lost wages or loss of support. Each state that has an established crime victim compensation program is eligible to receive a grant.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under these announcements is March 20, 2009.

\$47.5 million- VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program.

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OVC administers this formula grant program, which supports services to victims of crime throughout the nation. States and territories use these funds to support community-based organizations that help crime victims. The organizations provide services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, criminal justice advocacy, and emergency transportation. States are required to give priority to programs serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Each state is eligible to receive a grant.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under these announcements is March 20, 2009.

\$5 million- National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Program (NFG).

Five million of the Recovery Act Grants for Victim Compensation and Assistance Formula will be directed to discretionary grant projects, as required by statute. The funding will be used to make awards under the currently open National-Field Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Projects (NFG) competitive grant solicitation. This competitive solicitation provides funding for training, technical assistance, and demonstration projects that are national in scope and address gaps in the field in the areas of training and technical assistance; or develop promising practices, models, or programs through demonstration projects.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under these announcements is March 26, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be submitted through the OJP online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

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<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>

\$50 MILLION INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Implementation: The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response enforcement to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. The ICAC

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program is a national network of 59 coordinated task forces, representing more than 2,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies engaged in proactive investigations, forensic examinations, and effective prosecutions. This funding will be used to help state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective, sustainable responses to online child victimization and child pornography.

The deadline to submit applications for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program Grants is April 8, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be submitted through the OJP online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>
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\$125 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO COMBAT CRIME AND DRUGS COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Implementation: This is a competitive grant program to provide assistance to law enforcement in rural states and rural areas, to prevent and combat crime, especially drug related crime.

The deadline to submit applications for the Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant program is April 22, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be submitted through the OJP online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

Contact: Michael Kane
(717) 265-8450
mikane@state.pa.us

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

http://www.dol.gov/

Employment and Training Administration

<http://www.doleta.gov/>

\$500 MILLION FOR COUPONS, EDUCATION AND CONSUMER SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL TO ANALOGUE CONVERTER BOX PROGRAM

Implementation: DoL information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website.

Contact: Ed Bowman
Grant officer
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Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>

\$500 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR ADULT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Implementation: These funds are available for states to provide employment and training services to adults through the One-Stop system in accordance with WIA allocation requirements. Funds are provided for the programs described at: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm. Priority use of funds is for services to public assistance recipients and other low income individuals. Pennsylvania will receive \$16.5 million for programs associated with Adult activities.

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\$1.2 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR YOUTH TRAINING, INCLUDING SUMMER JOBS

Implementation: Funds are provided for programs described at http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/ . Funds will be distributed based on the existing formula according to the Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) available at the website below. Details concerning program guidelines are also available in the TEGL defining work periods and requirements for applicant programs. Emphasis is placed on summer employment opportunities for youth, but year-round opportunities are also envisioned. Age eligibility for these funds is changed from 21 to 24. Pennsylvania will receive \$40.6 million for youth activities. Further information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website.

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\$1.25 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR DISLOCATED WORKER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Implementation: Funds are provided for programs described at http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm..
An outline of the implementation for this program can be found in a DOL memo detailing specific instructions to states on how they can use funding under the Recovery Act to serve adults, dislocated workers and youth, and provide labor exchange services to all who need them. The workforce investment system will use Recovery Act funds to increase service levels, address immediate employment needs and spur future economic growth to advance shared prosperity for all Americans.
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These funds are intended for those who are defined as dislocated workers through termination, plant closure, a person who is self-employed or unemployed or a displaced homemaker. The DOL suggests six methods of training to be used by states utilizing these funds: (1) individual training accounts, (2) customized training (3) on the job training (4) contracts with

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institutions of higher learning and other training providers (5) contracts with community based-organizations (6) registered apprenticeships. Pennsylvania will receive \$42 million for dislocated worker activities. Further information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website.

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\$200 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES WITH HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Implementation: DoL information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website.

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\$750 MILLION FOR FUNDS TO NATIONAL RESERVE ASSISTANCE FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS

Implementation: Funds are provided for a program of competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. Of the total, \$500,000,000 is to be used for research, labor exchange, and job training projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable industry industries. In awarding remaining funds, priority shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector. A more detailed description of requirements for these funds is provided at the website below.

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http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2728

\$50 MILLION FOR YOUTHBUILD ACTIVITIES

Implementation: YouthBuild is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. In YouthBuild programs, low-income young people ages 16-24 work toward their GEDs or high school diplomas, learn job skills and serve their communities by building affordable housing, and transform their own lives and roles in society. DoL has not yet posted details online. Further information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website. A more detailed description of requirements for these funds is provided at the website below.

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YouthBuild Contact: (617) 623-9900

Local Contact: Chester YouthBuild
1 E 9th St
PO Box 572
Chester, PA 190160572
(610)490-0205

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/YouthBuild.cfm
<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/> or
<http://www.youthbuild.org/>
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**\$120 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME OVER-55s SENIOR
(SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP))**

Implementation: Since 1965, Department of Labor has managed the Older American Community Service Employment Program, which provides part-time opportunities in community service activities for unemployed low-income persons who are fifty-five years or older. Bill provides additional funding. See website for application and further information. The funds will be distributed to the Commonwealth, which will in turn distribute it to County Area Agencies on Aging.

County Contacts: **Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA)**
206 Eddystone Avenue, Second Floor, Eddystone, PA 19022-1594
Tel: (610) 490-1300
Toll free: (800) 416-4504
Fax: (610) 490-1500
Web site: www.delcosa.org
E-mail: COSA@co.delaware.pa.us

Chester County Department of Aging Services

Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road, Suite 320
P.O. Box 2747
West Chester, PA 19380-0990
Tel: (610) 344-6350
Fax: (610) 344-5288
Web site: <http://www.chesco.org/aging>
E-mail: ccaging@chesco.org

Montgomery County Aging & Adult Services

Human Services Center
1430 DeKalb Street
P.O. Box 311
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
Tel: (610) 278-3601
Fax: (610) 278-3769
Web site: www.montcopa.org/mcaas
E-mail: jkline@montcopa.org

Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/regs/statutes/olderam.cfm> or
<http://www.doleta.gov/SENIORS/>

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\$400 MILLION FOR STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

OPERATIONS

Implementation: Contact PA Department of Labor and Industries. For standard procedure for submitting applications, please see website for additional information.

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PA Department of Labor & Industry
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amead@state.pa.us

Website: www.dli.state.pa.us

Office of Job Corps

<http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx>

\$250 MILLION FOR OFFICE OF JOB CORPS CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

Implementation: Job Corps is a free education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible youth at least 16 years of age, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life. Further information on how the agency will receive and disseminate construction program funds is not yet available.

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Philadelphia, PA 19145-5001
Tel: (267) 386-2888
Fax: (215) 334-3675

Website: <http://www.jobcorps.gov>

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www.dot.gov/
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\$1.1 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS (GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS)

Implementation: Airports must be part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) to be eligible for funding with priority to those projects which can be completed in two years.

Projects in Pennsylvania:

\$5 million for Philadelphia International: Rehabilitation Runway [Phase III]

\$1 million for Northeast Philadelphia: Rehabilitate Taxiway [Phase II]

\$1 million for Wilkes/ Barre/ Scranton International: Install Guidance Signs [Phase I]

\$3.5 million for Lancaster: Rehabilitation of Taxiway

Website: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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\$200 MILLION FOR UPGRADES TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION POWER SYSTEMS, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTERS AND TOWERS AND AIRPORT LIGHTING, NAVIGATION AND LANDING EQUIPMENT

Implementation: Not yet available
Website: <http://www.faa.gov/>

\$29 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Implementation: Distributed to states by Federal Highway Administration formula. Pennsylvania will receive \$1.026 billion on a reimbursement basis only. The funds must be able to be spent within 3 years and funds unobligated within 120 days of enactment will be returned to the Secretary of Transportation.
If the five counties of southeastern Pennsylvania receive their population-based share of highway dollars, Greater Philadelphia will receive \$318 million from Pennsylvania dedicated to highway capital projects in the region. Most of the region's candidate projects focus on clearing deferred maintenance.

Local Candidate Projects

Chester County

\$18 million for multiuse trail (Chester Valley Trail Phase 1)
\$6 million for Rt. 30 paving and guiderail
\$1.2 million for ADA ramps

Delaware County

\$37.5 million I-95 Intelligent Transportation System Extension
\$3.6 million for ADA ramps
\$120K Newtown St. Road & Whitehorse Road Signal
\$432K Brookhaven Curb Cut/Ramps
\$100K Upgrade LED Street Lights
\$120K Upgrade LED Traffic Signals

Montgomery County

\$120 million for Rt. 476 roadway Reconstruction
\$19.368 million for Rt. 422 pavement, bridge deck and parapet repair
\$6 million for ADA Ramps
\$3.208 million County-wide Traffic Signal Update
\$14.5 million I-76/Henderson Road Ramps

Philadelphia County

\$18 million for Plat Bridge rehabilitation and preservation
\$66 million for 95's Girard Point Bridge rehabilitation and preservation

Contact: PennDOT Engineering District 6-0
7000 Geerdes Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA 19406

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Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm> or
<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/PennDOT/Districts/district6.nsf/District%206-0%20Homepage>
<http://www.dvrpc.org/>

\$1.3 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO AMTRAK

Implementation: Funds must be awarded to Amtrak by March 19, 2009. \$450 million will be used for security improvements, with no more than 60% of remaining funds being spent on the Northeast Corridor. Other funds will be awarded based on agreement between FRA and Amtrak based on guidelines from the Recovery Act including those related to jobs creation, transparency, and timely expenditure.

Website: <http://www.amtrak.com> (for jobs and contracting opportunities)

\$8 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN DESIGNATED HIGH-SPEED RAIL CORRIDORS & INTERCITY RAIL

Implementation: The funding will be distributed by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) through discretionary grants to States to pay for the cost of high speed rail and intercity passenger rail projects. By April 18, 2009, the FRA must submit a plan to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees detailing their plan for the funds, including schedule and criteria for awarding funds. By June 17, 2009 interim guidance must be provided for grant applicants covering terms, conditions, and procedures.

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Deputy Secretary for Planning
PA Department of Transportation
(717) 787-3154
jritzman@state.pa.us

Website: <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/2166>

\$750 MILLION FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS (NEW STARTS)

Implementation: The Federal Transit Administration's New Start Program is a discretionary program used to help finance locally-planned, implemented, and operated transit "guideway" capital investments. Pennsylvania will receive \$80 million in capital investment grants. Priority given to projects that are currently in construction or able to have funds obligated within 150 days of enactment. Funds are available through September 30, 2010.

Website: <http://www.fta.dot.gov> or
http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning_environment_5221.html or
<http://www.septa.com/>

\$100 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR INVESTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SMALL DOMESTIC SHIPYARDS

Implementation: Not yet available

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\$288 MILLION FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL FACILITIES FOR TRAINS CAPABLE OF GOING AT 150 MILES PER HOUR WILL QUALIFY FOR FACILITY BONDS; BILL CHANGES QUALIFICATION AND INCREASES FUNDING.

Implementation: Funds will be distributed by grants through the US DoT/ Federal Railroad Administration.

Local Contact: 1760 Market St, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124
Phone: (215) 656-7100
Fax: (215) 656-7260

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/regions/regional_offices_867.html

\$8.4 BILLION FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Implementation: The majority of stimulus funds will be distributed to states by Federal Transit Administration formula. Pennsylvania will receive \$263 million: \$233 million in Section 5307 and 5340 (Urbanized Area Formula Grants) and \$30 million in Section 5311 and 5340 (Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas). While states will have general discretion, formulas allocate 80 percent of these funds to urban areas. Projects must be completed in 2 years and funds not obligated within 180 days of enactment will be returned to the Secretary of Transportation to reallocate. If Greater Philadelphia receives the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's ridership-based share of Pennsylvania's total, Greater Philadelphia will receive approximately \$193 million dedicated to transit capital projects. Most of the region's candidate projects focus on clearing deferred maintenance.

Local Projects:

- \$675 thousand for Restroom renovation at 69th Street (Project No. 1-28)
- \$12.4 million for Malvern Station improvements to include a new pedestrian underpass, new energy efficient lighting, intertrack fencing, and expansion and improvements to parking lot (Project No. P1C-8)
- \$1.3 million for Construct a 90 space parking lot at the Elwyn Station (Project No. P2-17)
- \$8.8 million for Emergency call boxes and passenger information system along the Rt 101/102 (Projects No. P1-17 and 18)
- \$36.15 million for Rail replacement along the 101/102 line and other projects that will for fewer service disruptions for customers (Projects No. P1-13, 14, & 15, P-2-4)
- \$18.686 million for 40 hybrid buses (Project No. P1-33)
- \$7.3 million for Track bed stabilization on R3 line from Elwyn to Wawa (Project No. P1C-1)
- \$4.9 million for Signage Upgrades for 17 stations, R5 Paoli/Thorndale Line (Project No. P1-1)

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- Includes: Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, Radnor, St. Davids, Devon, and Berwyn

Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program is a new grant program. \$100 million of the \$8.4 million is appropriated for a new program to provide direct funding to public transit agencies for "capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems."

The Federal register detailing the eligibility information, availability of funds, and application procedures are explained in greater detail at the below website.

Website: <http://www.septa.com/business/stimulus/intro.html>
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6420.htm>

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<http://www.ustreas.gov/>

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=177937,00.html>

<http://www.finance.senate.gov/press/Bpress/2009press/prb021209.pdf>

Tax credit for purchase of residential solar, geothermal, wind and fuel cells

Implementation: Not yet available.

Local IRS Contact: 1400 N. Providence Rd.
Media, PA 19063 (610) 891-6002

\$100 MILLION FOR TREASURY GRANTS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CDFI) SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Implementation: \$90 Million is made available to the Federal Assistance (FA) component of the CDFI program. In FY 2009, the CDFI Fund anticipates it will make approximately \$145 million in FA awards. The CDFI plans to increase the size of FA awards to as large as \$2 million. The fund will also allow for additional consideration of those with applications and allows for applications in 2009 which will likely be published in the next 30 days with instructions to apply under the reopened FA round. More information concerning these application procedures is available on the website below \$8 million will be awarded to the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Awards and the other \$2 million will be used for administrative costs of implementing the CDFI fund.

Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/implementationplan.pdf>

\$10 BILLION "NEW MARKETS TAX CREDITS" (NMTC) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 2008 AND 2009

Implementation: The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program permits taxpayers to receive a credit against Federal income taxes for making qualified equity investments in designated Community Development Entities (CDEs).

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Substantially all of the qualified equity investment must in turn be used by the CDE to provide investments in low-income communities. The credit provided to the investor totals 39 percent of the cost of the investment and is claimed over a seven-year credit allowance period. In each of the first three years, the investor receives a credit equal to five percent of the total amount paid for the stock or capital interest at the time of purchase. For the final four years, the value of the credit is six percent annually. Investors may not redeem their investments in CDEs prior to the conclusion of the seven-year period.

Bill authorizes additional funding for the 2008 and 2009 allocation rounds. Apply through the Community Financial Institutions Fund.

The 2008 application round closed in March 2008 and will not be soliciting new applications, but will provide awards to additional organizations that applied under the 2008 round and were highly rated by did not receive awards due to the limited availability of allocations. The CDFI fund anticipates 30 new awards will be made and they will be announced May of 2009.

The 2009 application round is currently open and applications are due April 8, 2009. With the additional \$1.5 million in allocation authority, the CDFI fund anticipates making approximately 100 awards to CDEs totaling \$5 billion, and intends to make those awards in October of 2009.

Contact:

(202) 622-6355

Website:

<http://www.cdfifund.gov>

HTTP://WWW.CDFIFUND.GOV/WHAT_WE_DO/PROGRAMS_ID.ASP?PROGRAMID=5

\$25 BILLION OF BONDS FOR A NEWLY CREATED ECONOMIC RECOVERY ZONE BOND TO SUPPORT INVESTMENTS IN IMPOVERISHED AREAS, ETC...

Implementation:

Municipalities receiving an allocation of these bonds would be permitted to use these bonds to invest in infrastructure, job training, education and economic development in areas that has significant poverty, unemployment or home foreclosures.

Section 1401 of ARRA added § 1400U-2 to the Code to authorize state and local governments to issue Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment). These bonds are treated as qualified bonds for purposes of § 6431 and they have a deeper refundable credit subsidy than Build America Bonds (Direct Payment) equal to 45 percent of the total coupon interest payable to investors in these taxable bonds. In particular, § 1400U-2(b) defines the term “recovery zone economic development bond” to mean a bond that is issued as part of an issue that meets the following requirements: (1) the bond is a Build America Bond; (2) the bond is issued before January 1, 2011; (3) 100 percent of the excess of (i) the available project proceeds (as defined in § 54A to mean sale proceeds of such issue less not more than two percent of such proceeds used to pay

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issuance costs plus investment proceeds thereon), over (ii) the amounts in a reasonably required reserve fund (within the meaning of § 150(a)(3)) with respect to such issue, are to be used for one or more “qualified economic development purposes” (as defined in § 1400U-2(c)); and (4) the issuer designates such bond for this purpose.

The Treasury Department and the IRS expect to issue separate guidance on Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment), including guidance on the allocation of the \$10 billion national bond volume cap for these bonds.

Subject to updated IRS information reporting forms or procedures, an issuer of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment) must report the issuance of the bonds on IRS Form 8038-G, *Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligations*. The Form 8038-G with respect to an issue must be filed with the IRS at least 30 days before the first Form 8038-CP is filed to request payment with respect to an interest payment date for that issue, except that, for bonds issued before July 1, 2009 only, such Form 8038-G may be filed less than 30 days before the filing of the first Form 8038-CP provided the form 8038-G is filed separately from and prior to the filing of Form 8038-CP. Issuers should not attach a Form 8038-G to a Form 8038-CP. Issuers of these bonds with an issue price of less than \$100,000 should file a Form 8038-G in accordance with the instructions contained in this Notice instead of filing a Form 8038-GC, *Information Return for Small Tax-Exempt Governmental Bond Issues, Leases and Installment Sales*.

An issuer of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment) must check Line 18, “Other”, on the form and insert “Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond (payment option)” on the line provided. Issuers must attach a separate schedule that indicates the type of bond issue that would normally be entered on Lines 11 to 18, i.e., education, health and hospital, transportation, public safety, environment (including sewage bonds), housing, utilities or other (with description for “other” category).

In addition, issuers of these bonds must attach a schedule to the Form 8038-G which contains the information described below for the bond issue.

(1) For fixed-rate bonds, attach a complete debt service schedule, titled “Fixed Rate Bond – Debt Service Schedule,” that provides a list of each interest payment date, the total interest payable on such date, the total principal amount of bonds expected to be outstanding on such date, the credit payment expected

to be requested from the IRS on such date, and the earliest date that bonds can be called.

(2) For variable rate bonds, attach a debt service schedule, titled “Variable Rate Bond – Debt Service Schedule,” that provides a list of each interest

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payment date, the total principal amount of bonds expected to be outstanding on such date, and a description of how interest on the bonds is computed.

Website: www.treasury.gov

\$143 MILLION FOR TAX BREAKS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING INVESTORS

Implementation: Tax -credits for construction of low-income housing. To receive credits, builders must apply through PA Housing Finance Agency. See website.

Contact: 717.780.3800.

Website: <http://www.phfa.org/developers/developer/lihtc.aspx>

\$116.199 BILLION FOR \$400 “Making Work Pay” PAYROLL TAX CREDIT FOR WORKERS EARNING UP TO \$75,000; MARRIED COUPLES FILING JOINTLY GET \$800 FOR INCOME UP TO \$150,000

Implementation: Taxpayers can receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax that is withheld from their paychecks, or through claiming the credit on their tax returns for 2009 and 2010. This tax credit would be calculated at a rate of 6.2% of earned income.
Families should see at least a \$65 dollar per month increase in their take home pay. The credit will phase out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly and \$75,000 for other workers, and thus is fully phased out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$190,000 for married workers and \$95,000 for other workers.

This translate into 2.5 billion to 4.8 million Pennsylvanian families.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>
New withholding tables: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/n1036.pdf>

\$4.663 BILLION FOR INCREASE IN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR WORKING FAMILIES WITH MORE THAN THREE CHILDREN

Implementation: Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming on tax returns, effective for December 31, 2008.

Under current law, working families with two or more children currently qualify for an earned income tax credit equal to forty percent (40%) of the family's first \$12,570 of earned income. This credit is subject to a phase-out for working families with adjusted gross income in excess of \$16,420 (\$19,540 for married couples filing jointly). The bill would increase the earned income tax credit to forty-five percent (45%) of the family's first \$12,570 of earned income for families with three or more children and would increase the beginning point of the phase-out range for all married couples filing a joint return (regardless of the number of children) by \$1,880.

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<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>

\$5.074 BILLION SO BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO MORE QUICKLY DEDUCT THE COST OF INVESTMENTS IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FROM THEIR TAXABLE INCOME

Implementation: Businesses are allowed to recover the cost of capital expenditures over time according to a depreciation schedule. Last year, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to recover the costs of capital expenditures made in 2008 faster than the ordinary depreciation schedule would allow by permitting these businesses to immediately write-off fifty percent of the cost of depreciable property (e.g., equipment, tractors, wind turbines, solar panels, and computers) acquired in 2008 for use in the United States. The law extended this temporary benefit for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.

IRS Contact: Stephen Conner (IRS Contact for Small Business)
Stephen.Connor@irs.gov

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IRS Website: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

Local SBA Contact: Ms. Andrea Giles
Business Development Specialist
215-580-2713
Andrea.Giles@sba.gov

\$14.83 BILLION FOR INCREASED ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUNDABLE CHILD TAX CREDIT, WITH ALL INCOME OVER \$3000 QUALIFYING

Implementation: Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming on tax returns, effective for December 31, 2008.
The bill would increase the eligibility for the refundable child tax credit in 2009 and 2010. For 2008, the child tax credit is refundable to the extent of 15 percent of the taxpayer's earned income in excess of \$8,500. The bill would reduce this floor for 2009 and 2010 to \$3,000.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>

\$13.907 BILLION FOR TAX CREDIT OF UP TO \$2500 FOR TUITION AND COLLEGE EXPENSES

Implementation: Creates a new "American Opportunity" tax credit that so that individuals can deduct tuition and related expenses (i.e. books). Under this new tax credit, taxpayers will receive a tax credit based on one hundred percent (100%) of the first \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses (including books) paid during the taxable year and twenty-five percent (25%) of the next \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year. This tax credit will be subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted

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gross income in excess of \$80,000 (\$160,000 for married couples filing jointly).

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\$6 MILLION FOR COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY WILL QUALIFY FOR INCLUSION IN TAX-ADVANTAGED SAVINGS PLANS AS A "QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSE"

Implementation: Section 529 Education Plans are tax-advantaged savings plans that cover all qualified education expenses, including: tuition, room&board, mandatory fees and books. The act provides that computers and computer technology qualify as qualified education expenses.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96341,00.html>

\$6.638 BILLION FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS INCREASES FROM \$7500 TO \$8000, AND WILL NOT HAVE TO BE REPAID

Implementation: Applies to property purchased in 2009; and included on the tax return for the 2009 tax year.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=187935,00.html>

\$1.684 BILLION FOR TAXPAYERS EARNING LESS THAN \$125,000 CAN DEDUCT SALES AND EXCISE TAXES PAID ON NEW CARS

Implementation: Provides a deduction for State and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light trucks, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles through 2009. This deduction is subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$125,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a joint return).

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\$4.74 BILLION FOR \$2400 OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Implementation: The act temporarily suspends federal income tax on the first \$2400 of unemployment benefits per recipient. Any unemployment benefits over \$2400 are still subject to federal income tax. This is in effect for the taxable year 2009.

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\$69.759 BILLION FOR MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS GET AN EXEMPTION FROM THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX OF \$46,700 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$70,950 FOR A MARRIED COUPLE

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\$805 MILLION FOR BUSINESSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECOVER ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CREDITS FASTER

Implementation: Extends through 2009, the temporary allowance of business to accelerate the recognition of a portion of their historic AMT or research and development (R&D) credits in lieu of bonus depreciation. The amount that taxpayers may accelerate is calculated based on the amount that each taxpayer invests in property that would otherwise qualify for bonus depreciation. This amount is capped at the lesser of six percent (6%) of historic AMT and R&D credits or \$30 million.

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\$41 MILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO WRITE-OFF UP TO \$250,000 OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES IN THE YEAR OF ACQUISITION

Implementation: Applies to purchases made in 2009; and included on the tax return for the 2009 tax year.

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\$947 MILLION FOR UNPROFITABLE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH ANNUAL GROSS RECEIPTS OF LESS THAN \$15 MILLION CAN RECOUP TAXES PAID IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, UP FROM TWO YEARS

Implementation: The bill extends the carry-back from two years to five years but limits it to small businesses with gross receipts of \$15 million or less.

To accommodate the change in tax law, the IRS updated the instructions for two key forms – Forms 1045 and 1139 -- that small businesses can use

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to make use of the special carryback provision for tax year 2008. These forms are used to accelerate the payment of refunds.

The new provision enables small businesses with a net operating loss (NOL) in 2008 to elect to offset this loss against income earned in up to five prior years. Typically, an NOL can be carried back for only two years. The IRS released legal guidance today in Revenue Procedure 2009-19 outlining specific details. Some taxpayers must make the election to use this special carryback by April 17, 2009.

Small businesses with large losses in 2008 may be able to benefit fully from those losses now, rather than waiting until claiming them on future tax returns.

The normal two-year carryback remains available if the small business does not elect the special carryback provision. If the loss exceeds the income for the carryback period, the taxpayer can continue to carry forward the remaining balance of the NOL for up to 20 years.

For small businesses that use a fiscal year, this special carryback may be used for an NOL in either a tax year that ends in 2008 or a tax year that begins in 2008. Once a taxpayer makes this election, it may not be changed.

To qualify for the new five-year carryback provision, a small business must have no greater than an average of \$15 million in gross receipts over a three-year period ending with the tax year of the NOL. Businesses with more than \$15 million in gross receipts still qualify to carry back their 2008 NOL for two years.

There are several methods that a small business uses to elect the new provision as detailed in the Revenue Procedure.

If a small business previously elected to waive the carryback of 2008 NOL but now wants to elect this special carryback, the small business may revoke its previous election to waive the carryback. The election revocation must be made on or before April 17, 2009.

Generally small businesses that are not corporations (including sole proprietorships filing schedule C with their Form 1040) may accelerate a refund by using Form 1045, Application for Tentative Refund.

Corporations with NOLs may also accelerate a refund by using Form 1139, Corporation Application for Tentative Refund.

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The IRS will be closely monitoring these filings and will provide additional staff as needed to process these forms. The IRS will work to issue refunds within 45 days or even earlier to the degree possible.

In addition, Frequently Asked Questions have been posted on the IRS.gov web site.

Form 1045 or Form 1139, whichever the taxpayer uses, generally must be filed within one year after the end of the tax year of the NOL. In addition, the current year's tax return must be filed by the date the Form 1045 or Form 1139 is filed. Form 1045 and Form 1139 are filed at the same place the taxpayer's return is filed, as listed on the return instructions.

Accelerated refunds paid via Form 1045 or Form 1139 is described as "tentative" because the applications for refunds are potentially subject to review at a later date. Form 1045 Instructions and Form 1139 Instructions on www.irs.gov provide more information on the accelerated refund option.

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Net Operating Loss questions

- Small businesses that file Form 1040 can call 1-800-829-1040
- Corporations can contact 1-800-829-4933

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\$1.622 MILLION SO COMPANIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO DEFER TAXES FOR FIVE YEARS ON SEVERAL TRANSACTIONS AIMED AT RESTRUCTURING BALANCE SHEETS, AND REPAY THE TAXES OVER THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS

Implementation: Under current law, a taxpayer generally has income where the taxpayer cancels or repurchases its debt for an amount less than its adjusted issue price. The amount of cancellation of debt income ("CODI") is the excess of the old debt's adjusted issue price over the repurchase price. Certain businesses will be allowed to recognize CODI over 10 years (defer tax on CODI for the first four or five years and recognize this income ratably over the following five taxable years) for specified types of business debt repurchased by the business after December 31, 2008 and before January 1, 2011.

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\$231 MILLION SO BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO CLAIM A TAX CREDIT FOR 40% OF THE FIRST \$6000 OF WAGES PAID TO UNEMPLOYED VETERANS OR 16-25-YEAR-OLDS HIRED

Implementation: Under the current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups. The bill would create two new targeted groups of prospective employees: (1) unemployed Veterans; and (2) disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed Veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months. Applied to 2009 and 2010 tax years

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\$829 MILLION SO SMALL BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO EXCLUDE 75% OF THE GAIN FROM THE SALE OF SOME STOCK HELD MORE THAN FIVE YEARS

Implementation: This change is for stock issued after the date of enactment and before January 1, 2011

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\$415 MILLION FOR TAXABLE CORPORATIONS CONVERTING INTO S CORPORATIONS WILL HAVE A 7-YEAR HOLDING PERIOD FOR ASSETS SUBJECT TO BUILT-IN GAINS TAX, FROM 10 YEARS

Implementation: The bill would temporarily reduce this holding period from ten years to seven years for sales occurring in 2009 and 2010

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RAISES \$6.977 BILLION FOR RESTORING TOUGHER RULES ON TAXPAYERS CLAIMING LOSSES INCURRED BY A COMPANY BEFORE THEY BOUGHT IT IS PROJECTED TO RAISE MONEY

Implementation: Permanent Repeal of tax rules which liberalized rules in the tax code that are intended to prevent taxpayers that acquire companies from claiming losses that were incurred by the acquired company prior to the taxpayer's ownership of the company.

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\$203 MILLION FOR MANUFACTURING FACILITIES PRODUCING "INTANGIBLE PROPERTY" SUCH AS PATENTS CAN QUALIFY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS

Implementation: Applies to bonds issued in 2009 and 2010

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\$1.647 MILLION FOR FACILITIES MAKING ADVANCED ENERGY PROPERTY MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM A NEW 30% INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

Implementation: Establishes a new credit for facilities engaged in manufacturing of advanced energy projects. Examples of projects include:

- Production from solar, wind, geothermal, or other renewable sources
- Fuel cells, micro-turbines, or energy storage system for use with electric or hybrid-electric motor vehicles
- Electric grids to support the transmission of intermittent sources of renewable energy, including storage of such energy
- Carbon capture and sequestration
- Refine or blend renewable fuels

Taxpayers making the claim after 2008 and before 2014 can claim the tax credit. Taxpayers can also claim a grant once the property is in service instead either claiming the energy investment tax credit or the renewable energy production tax credit. Taxpayers receiving the grant are not eligible to receive either of the tax credits.

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RULES AFFECTING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BONDS WILL BE CHANGED TO IMPROVE MARKETABILITY. BUILD AMERICA (TAX CREDIT) BOND.

Implementation: Credits a tax credit bond in lieu of a tax-exempt bond. In determining the portion of interest, the expense that is allocable to investments in tax-exempt municipal bonds is taken into consideration. Tax credit bond differ from tax-exempt bonds in two-ways: (1) interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable; and (2) a portion of the interest paid on tax credit bonds takes the form of a Federal tax credit. The Federal tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that the State or local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. This choice can be made by states and municipalities in 2009 and 2010. This will allow states and municipalities to receive direct payment from the Federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the Federal tax credit for bonds.

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Build America Bonds provide a deeper federal subsidy to state and local governments (equal to 35 percent of the taxable borrowing cost) than traditional tax-exempt bonds and because of this federal subsidy payment, state and local governments will have lower net borrowing costs. Also, this feature should make such Build America Bonds attractive to a broader group of investors than typically invest in more traditional state and local tax-exempt bonds.

A simple example: If a state or local government were to issue a Build America Bond and paid to the bondholder \$100 of interest on the bond, the Treasury Department would make a payment directly to the state or local government of \$35. Thus, the state or local government's net interest expense would be only \$65 on a bond that actually pays \$100 to the bondholder.

The capital projects these bonds would fund include work on public buildings, courthouses, schools, transportation infrastructure, government hospitals, public safety facilities and equipment, water and sewer projects, environmental projects, energy projects, government housing projects and public utilities.

The IRS has released Notice 2009-26 to provide state and local governments with prompt guidance on implementation of the new direct federal subsidy payment procedures for Build America Bonds so that issuers can begin issuing these bonds with confidence about how these federal payments will be made. This guidance covers the direct federal subsidy payment procedures regarding:

- how (on new IRS Form 8038-CP available now) and when (by 45 days before an interest payment date) to request these payments;
- when the IRS will begin making these payments (July 1, 2009);
- how to make necessary elections to issue these bonds (in writing in an issuer's books and records);
- how to satisfy the information reporting requirement for these bonds (modified IRS Form 8038-G); and
- future implementation plans (electronic platform in 2010).

Governmental issuers of Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds must submit [Form 8038-CP](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8038cp.pdf) (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8038cp.pdf>)

Website:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=206037,00.html>
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=206044,00.html>
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/article/0,,id=206034,00.html>

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A 3% WITHHOLDING ON PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS WILL BE DELAYED FOR ONE YEAR

Implementation: The provision would delay for one year (through December 31, 2011) the application of the three percent withholding requirement on government payments for goods and services in order to provide time for the Treasury Department to study the impact of this provision on government entities and other taxpayers.

Website: www.treasury.gov

\$9.877 BILLION FOR NEW “QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS” TAX CREDIT BONDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Implementation: The stimulus created a new category of tax credit bonds, Qualified School Construction Bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed. The stimulus set a national limit of \$22 billion (\$11 billion allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010) on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by State and local governments.

The guidance provides for division of the \$11 billion national bond volume authorization for 2009 among the states and 100 largest school districts based on levels of Federal school funding.

Contact: Application can be made through
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management Division of School Facilities
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333
Phone: 717.787.5480 (Ms. Carle Dixon)

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-35.pdf>
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=206044,00.html>
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/article/0,,id=206034,00.html>

\$1.4 BILLION TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN 2009 AND 2010, WHICH CAN BE USED FOR QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS (QZABS) TO FINANCE RENOVATIONS, EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, DEVELOPING COURSE MATERIAL, AND TRAINING TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL AT A QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY.

Implementation: The stimulus allowed an additional \$1.4 billion of QZAB issuing authority to State and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy. In general, a qualified zone academy is any public school (or academic program within a public school) below college level that is located in an

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empowerment zone or enterprise community and is designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance the academic curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates. QZABs are a form of tax credit bonds which offer the holder a Federal tax credit instead of interest.

Interest on these bonds will be paid by the federal government through tax credits to the bondholder. The bondholders are allowed to apply the credits to their federal corporate income tax or alternative minimum tax liability.

Eligibility:

- Public schools that are either located in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community or in which at least 35 percent of the school's students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch under the federal lunch program.
- Public schools that have an education program designed in cooperation with business and receive a private business contribution that is not less than 10 percent of the net present value of the proceeds of the bonds; or
- Public schools that have an education plan that is approved by their school districts and in which students are subject to the same standards and assessments as other students in the district.

The guidance provides for division of the \$1.4 billion national bond volume authorizations for each of 2008 and 2009 among the states based on poverty levels.

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<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=206044,00.html>
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/article/0,,id=206034,00.html>

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE A GRANT EQUAL TO 30 PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE FACILITY BEING PLACED INTO SERVICE OR, IF LATER, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF RECEIVING AN APPLICATION FOR SUCH GRANT. THE BASIS OF THE PROPERTY IS REDUCED BY THE GRANT.

Website: <http://www.treasurydirect.gov/>

\$604 MILLION FOR REMOVAL OF CAP ON TAX CREDITS FOR PURCHASE OF SMALL WIND SYSTEMS

Implementation: The bill would extend the placed-in-service date for wind facilities for three years (through December 31, 2012). Applies to tax year 2010, 2011,

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2012. The bill would also extend the placed-in-service date for three years (through December 31, 2013) for certain other qualifying facilities: closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; waste-to-energy; and marine renewable facilities. This proposal is estimated to cost \$13.143 billion over 10 years.

Website: <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>

\$1.6 BILLION EXTRA ALLOCATION OF CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY BONDS (CREBS)

Implementation: Bonds to finance qualified renewable energy facilities. These include generating electricity from wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, hydropower, landfill gas, marine renewables, and trash combustion facilities. The money will be divided 1/3 to qualified projects of state/local/tribal governments, 1/3 to qualified projects of public power providers, and 1/3 for qualifying projects of electric cooperatives. No further information is yet available.

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IRS Janae Lemley on (636) 255-1202 (not a toll-free call).

Website: www.depweb.state.pa.us
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-33.pdf>

\$2.4 BILLION EXTRA QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS “QECBs” (\$129,144,000 ALLOCATED TO PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation: A broad program which includes: energy efficiency capital expenditures in public housing, renewable energy production, various research and development applications, mass commuting facilities that reduce energy consumption, several types of energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education campaigns. The ARRA modifies this program so that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs and can be used for programs.

Unlike normal bonds that pay interest, tax credit bonds pay the bondholders by providing a credit against their federal income tax. These tax credit bonds will provide interest-free financing for clean energy projects. But because the federal government essentially pays the interest via tax credits, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service must allocate such credits in advance. However, tax credit bonds require the investment of a bondholder that will benefit from the federal tax credits, and those investors may be hard to find during the current business downturn. To try to draw more investment, a separate measure in the tax bill will allow regulated investment companies to pass through to their shareholders the

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tax credits earned by such bonds. There is a prevailing wage requirement for projects financed with energy conservation bonds.

QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS UNDER § 54D
Section 54D(a) defines a “qualified energy conservation bond” to mean any bond issued as part of an issue if –

- (1) 100 percent of the available project proceeds of such issue are to be used for one or more qualified conservation purposes,
- (2) the bond is issued by a State or local government, and
- (3) the issuer designates such bond for purposes of this section.

\$3.2 billion in total national bond volume cap shall be allocated by the Department of the Treasury among the States in proportion to the population of the States. In the case of any State where there is a “large local government,” each large local government shall be allocated a portion of the State’s allocation that bears the same ratio to the State’s allocation as the population of the large local government bears to the population of the State. The term “large local government” means any municipality or county that has a population of 100,000 or more.

Any allocation to a State or large local government shall be allocated in turn by the State or large local government to issuers within the State in a manner that results in the use of not less than 70 percent of the allocation to such State or large local government to designate bonds that are not private activity bonds.

The term “qualified conservation purpose” means any of the following:

- (A) Capital expenditures incurred for purposes of (i) reducing energy consumption in publicly-owned buildings by at least 20 percent, (ii) implementing green community programs (including the use of loans, grants, or other repayment mechanisms to implement such programs), (iii) rural development involving the production of electricity from renewable energy resources, or (iv) any qualified facility
- (B) Expenditures with respect to research facilities, and research grants, to support research in (i) development of cellulosic ethanol or other nonfossil fuels, (ii) technologies for the capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide produced through the use of fossil fuels, (iii) increasing the efficiency of existing technologies for producing nonfossil fuels, (iv) automobile battery technologies and other technologies to reduce fossil fuel consumption in transportation, or (v) technologies to reduce energy use in buildings.
- (C) Mass commuting facilities and related facilities that reduce consumption of energy, including expenditures to reduce pollution from vehicles used for mass commuting.

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(D) Demonstration projects designed to promote the commercialization of (i) green building technology, (ii) conversion of agricultural waste for use in the production of fuel or otherwise, (iii) advanced battery manufacturing technologies, (iv) technologies to reduce peak use of electricity, or (v) technologies for the capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide emitted from combusting fossil fuels in order to produce electricity.

(E) Public education campaigns to promote energy efficiency.

In the case of any private activity bond, the term “qualified conservation purposes” shall not include any expenditure that is not a capital expenditure.

The Recovery (stimulus) Act provided a special rule for bonds to finance green community programs, stating that bonds issued for the purpose of providing loans, grants, or other repayment mechanisms for capital expenditures to implement green community programs are not treated as private activity bonds.

ELIGIBLE ISSUERS

Eligible issuers of QECBs include States, political subdivisions, and entities empowered to issue bonds on behalf of any such entity under rules similar to those for determining whether a bond issued on behalf of a State or political subdivision constitutes an obligation of that State or political subdivision.

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<https://www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/apps/slgs/slgs.htm> or
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-29.pdf>

30% CAP ON TAX CREDIT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PURCHASES BY HOMEOWNERS, UP TO \$1500 PER RESIDENCE

Implementation: Applies to 2009 and 2010 tax years. The bill would increase the amount of the tax credit to thirty percent (30%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year, like adding insulation, energy-efficient exterior windows, and

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energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems. The bill would also eliminate the property-by-property dollar caps on this tax credit and provide an aggregate \$1,500 cap on all property qualifying for the credit. The 2007 law made 10% credit available and changed the limit on the amount claimed for improvements during 2009 and 2010 to \$1,500 instead of the old \$500 limit.

50% TAX CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF ALTERNATIVE REFUELING STATIONS

Implementation: The qualified alternative fuel vehicle (QAFV) refueling property credit provides a tax credit to businesses, such as gas stations, and individuals that install alternative fuel pumps. These are pumps that dispense E-85 fuel, electricity, hydrogen, and natural gas. Applies to 2010 and 2011, the bill would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for businesses.

Local IRS Contact: 1400 N. Providence Rd.
Media, PA 19063 (610) 891-6002

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>
Last years form can be found at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8911.pdf>

TAX CREDIT FOR PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CONVERSION UP TO \$7,500

Implementation: The bill permanently restores the electric vehicle credit for plug-in electric vehicles that would not otherwise qualify for the larger plug-in electric drive vehicle credit and provides a tax credit for plug-in electric drive conversion kits. No further information is yet available.

EQUALIZATION OF PARKING AND TRANSIT TAX-FREE EMPLOYER BENEFITS AT \$230 FOR 2009

Implementation: Applies to 2009 and 2010 tax years. This provision would equalize the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking. The proposal sets both the parking and transit benefits at \$230 a month for 2009, indexes them equally for 2010, and clarifies that certain transit benefits apply to federal employees.

Local Contact: 1400 N. Providence Rd.
Media, PA 19063 (610) 891-6002

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

\$1.6 BILLION FOR TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF PROGRAM PROVIDING INCOME SUPPORT AND TRAINING BENEFITS FOR WORKERS WHO LOSE THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF OUTSOURCING OVERSEAS.

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$14.225 BILLION FOR ONE-TIME PAYMENT OF \$250 FOR RETIREES, DISABLED PEOPLE, (SOCIAL SECURITY INSURANCE) SSI RECIPIENTS, RAILROAD RETIREES AND DISABLED VETERANS

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Implementation: **No Action is Required.** Eligibility: \$250 payment to each individual who is eligible for disability or SSI payments during the 4-month period prior to date of the enactment of this Act. **When you will receive:** The Secretary of the Treasury shall commence disbursing payments under this section at the earliest practicable date but in no event later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

Local Contact: 1400 N. Providence Rd.
Media, PA 19063 (610) 891-6002

Website: <http://ssa.gov/payment/>

\$26.96 BILLION FOR EXTENSION OF JOBLESS BENEFITS FOR UP TO 33 WEEKS.

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$8.8 BILLION FOR INCREASE IN WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BY \$25.

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$2.975 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR STATES MODERNIZING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COVERAGE AMONG LOW-WAGE, PART-TIME AND OTHER WORKERS

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$1.1 BILLION FOR WAIVER ON INTEREST PAYMENTS AND ACCRUAL IN INTEREST ON LOANS HELD BY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUNDS

Implementation: Applies to 2009 and 2010 tax years.

Local Contact: 1400 N. Providence Rd.
Media, PA 19063 (610) 891-6002

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

\$21 MILLION FOR EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BY 13 WEEKS FOR RAILROAD WORKERS

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$2.418 BILLION FOR AID TO STATES FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES PAYMENTS (TANF)

Local Contact: Department of Public Welfare; Delaware County Assistance Office
Headquarters

701 Crosby Street Suite A
Chester, PA 19013-6099 Phone: 610-447-5500

Website: <http://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/compass/CMHOM.aspx>

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\$319 MILLION FOR EXTRA AID TO STATES WITH HIGH POPULATION GROUP OR INCREASED POVERTY FOR TANF PAYMENTS

Local Contact: Department of Public Welfare; Delaware County Assistance Office
Headquarters
701 Crosby Street Suite A
Chester, PA 19013-6099 Phone: 610-447-5500
Website: <https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/compass/CMHOM.aspx>

\$24.749 BILLION FOR 65% SUBSIDY FOR LAID-OFF WORKERS TO CONTINUE PAYING PREMIUMS FOR FORMER EMPLOYER'S HEALTH PLAN FOR NINE MONTHS (COBRA)

Implementation: Under the new provision, an assistance eligible individual is generally an individual (1) who is a qualified beneficiary as the result of an involuntary termination during the period from September 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009, (2) who is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage at any time during that period, and (3) who elects the coverage. Group health plans must generally treat assistance eligible individuals who pay 35 percent of the premium otherwise payable for COBRA continuation coverage as having paid the full amount of the premium. The employer (or, in certain circumstances, the multiemployer health plan or the insurer) is reimbursed for the other 65 percent of the premium that is not paid by the assistance eligible individual through a credit against its payroll taxes.

The premium reduction applies as of the first period of coverage beginning on or after February 17, 2009 (the date of enactment of ARRA). An assistance eligible individual is eligible for the premium reduction for up to nine months from the first month the premium reduction provisions of section 3001 of ARRA apply to the individual. The premium reduction period ends if the individual becomes eligible for coverage under any other group health plan or for Medicare benefits.

The premium reduction does not extend beyond the period of COBRA continuation coverage. An individual receiving the premium reduction who becomes eligible for coverage under any other group health plan or Medicare is required to notify the group health plan of eligibility for that other coverage. If the individual fails to notify the group health plan, the individual is subject to a tax penalty of 110 percent of the premium reduction improperly received after eligibility for the other coverage.

Under ARRA, an employer may allow an assistance eligible individual to elect coverage different from the coverage under the plan in which such individual was enrolled prior to the involuntary termination, and the premium reduction will apply with respect to such different coverage. (This does not change the basic requirement under Federal COBRA that a group health plan must allow a qualified beneficiary to elect to continue the coverage in which the individual is enrolled as of the qualifying event.) If offered, the assistance eligible individual has 90 days after receiving notice of the option to elect the other coverage. The premium for coverage offered under this option cannot exceed the premium for the coverage the individual had prior to the involuntary termination. In addition, the coverage offered under this option must be coverage offered to active employees and cannot be coverage that provides only dental, vision, counseling (or some combination), a flexible spending arrangement under section 106(c) of the Code, or

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coverage that provides coverage through an on-site medical facility maintained by the employer that consists primarily of first-aid, prevention and wellness care, or similar care, or a combination of such care.

ARRA provides an extended election period for certain individuals who did not have an election of COBRA continuation coverage in effect on February 17, 2009 (the date of enactment). The election is available for individuals who would be assistance eligible individuals if they had a COBRA continuation coverage election in effect (that is, as the result of an involuntary termination on or after September 1, 2008). This extended election period is for 60 days after the qualified beneficiaries are provided notice of the extended election period. The resulting COBRA continuation coverage extends no longer than the original maximum period required (as measured with respect to the qualifying event) and begins with the first period of coverage beginning on or after February 17, 2009. The extended election period applies to a group health plan subject to the Federal COBRA requirements and to temporary continuation coverage under the FEHBP, but not to State continuation coverage requirements.

Local Contact: Department of Public Welfare; COBRA Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industries 1-888-313-7284
Department of Labor 1-866-444-3272

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-27.pdf>.
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204709,00.html>
www.dli.state.pa.us
<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/newsroom/fsCOBRAPremiumreduction.html>

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

http://www.va.gov/recovery/ http://www1.va.gov/oamm/oa/dbwva/index.cfm
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\$1 BILLION FOR NON-RECURRING MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING ENERGY PROJECTS, TO ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES AND AVOID SERIOUS MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS AT THE 153 VA HOSPITALS.

Implementation:

Local Information: The Veterans Administration has identified a number of area projects:

- Philadelphia VA Medical Center
 - \$4.75 million to renovate the emergency department
 - \$250 thousand for design work to construct a new computer room
 - \$466,440 to upgrade the boiler plant controls
 - \$1.15 billion to upgrade behavioral health clinic
 - \$35 thousand to do the design work for a renovation and modernization of the dental lab.
- Coatesville VA Medical Center
 - \$1.7 million to renovate the pharmacy
 - \$410 thousand to upgrade boiler plant controls
 - \$1.75 to upgrade and replace electrical distribution system
- Other Pennsylvania locations

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- \$4.1 million to construct new consolidated rehabilitation services in Lebanon
- \$315 thousand to renovate the Cath Lab in Wilkes-Barre
- \$3.3 million to renovate patient check-in and appointment area in Lebanon
- \$250 thousand to install chiller in Lebanon
- \$1.57 million to renovate bathrooms for American Disability Act Compliance
- **Wilmington VA Medical Center**
 - \$2.2 million to upgrade and renovate the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
 - \$2.75 million to upgrade secondary electrical distribution system.
 - \$450 thousand to replace elevator (\$50,000 in design)
 - \$466,400 upgrade and boiler plant equipment
 - \$2.2 million to upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.

Website: <http://www1.va.gov/oamm/oa/dbwva/index.cfm>

\$50 MILLION FOR NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION FOR MAINTENANCE. THESE FUNDS WILL ENABLE THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK TOWARD AN ESTABLISHED SET OF CEMETERY STANDARDS OF APPEARANCE THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM.

Implementation: Not yet available

Local Implementation:

- \$100,000 to repair the Soldiers Memorial at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York, PA
- \$290,000 to repair memorials at Finn's Point Cemetery in Salem, NJ
- \$60,729 to repair administration building HVAC system at Indiantown Gap Cemetery
- \$80,000 to replace administration building glass windows and doors at Indiantown Gap Cemetery

\$150 MILLION FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR A TEMPORARY INCREASE IN CLAIMS PROCESSING STAFF

Implementation: Not yet available

\$50 MILLION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE AUTOMATION OF BENEFITS PROCESSING.

Implementation:

- \$46,925,000 to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) (www.massolant.navy.mil/) to provide the necessary resources and support.
- \$1,075,000 to provide on-going life cycle solution management and maintenance support for the solution.
- \$500,000 for additional IT staff to support field station and program management personnel in planning and administration.
- \$1.5 million for partial funding for the required network upgrades to stabilize the Veterans Benefits Administration network. Redesign continues with the upgrade of DS3 circuits at all regional offices and selected outbased sites.
- \$100,000 for modifications to the existing application in the Veterans Service Network (VETSNET), VA's primary Compensation and Pension payment system.

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\$150 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST STATES TO ACQUIRE OR CONSTRUCT STATE NURSING HOME AND DOMICILIARY FACILITIES AND TO REMODEL, MODIFY, OR ALTER EXISTING HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND DOMICILIARY FACILITIES IN STATE HOMES, FOR FURNISHING CARE TO VETERANS.

Implementation: Not yet available

Local Implementation: The VA estimates \$17.109 million grant to go for a 112-bed domicile replacement with 8 additional beds in Spring City, PA (FAI No. 42-021)

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<http://www.nationalservice.gov/>

\$160 MILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Implementation: Information available on the website or by calling 866-431-2792

Contact: (202) 606-5000

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

\$40 MILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Implementation: Information will be available on the website or by calling 866-431-2792

Contact: (202) 606-5000

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

<http://www.epa.gov/>

<http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

\$600 MILLION OF LOANS FOR COMMUNITIES TO UPGRADE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS AND DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF), DRINKING WATER SRF)

Implementation: The Commonwealth will receive \$156 million for Clean Water projects and \$65 million for Clean Drinking Water projects. Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST) will administer these funds with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection serving as the secondary agency. Clean Water projects include all types of non-point source, watershed protection or restoration, estuary management projects and traditional municipal wastewater treatment projects. The website will be listing information in a couple weeks. Clean Drinking Water projects include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities with federal drinking water regulations. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible.

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For detailed application guidelines see EPA's 49 page document directed to states: http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/2009-03-02_Final_ARRA_SRF_Guidance.pdf

Federal Contact: EPA Region III - 1-800-438-2474

Pennsylvania Contact: PennVEST Region III (general number 717-783-8618)

Contact Person: Anne Cavender

717-783-3493, acavender@state.pa.us

Department of Environmental Protection

Contact Person: Veronica Kasi

717-772-4053, ybkasi@state.pa.us

Paul Marchetti

(717) 783-4496

pmarchetti@state.pa.us

Website: www.epa.gov/recovery or

<http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us/pennvest/site/default.asp>

<http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/>

\$300 MILLION TO SUPPORT CLEAN DIESEL ACTIVITIES

Implementation: The EPA notified states of availability of funds and states must reply by March 6th to receive funding. If all states apply, each state including the District of Columbia will receive a minimum of \$1.7 million through the state program. At the website below, the grant application is now available; all necessary documents are available at the website. This Recovery Act funding for clean diesel activities will be offered this year in addition to EPA FY 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program appropriations. A separate competitive announcement for the FY 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Appropriation funds will be issued later in 2009.

Contact: Margo T. Oge, EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality
(202) 564-1682

US Environmental Protection Agency

National Clean Diesel Campaign - OAR/OTAQ/CISD

2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Local Contact: Region III - 1-800-438-2474

Website: www.epa.gov/recovery or

<http://www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/index.htm>

\$600 MILLION FOR CLEANUP OF HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC WASTE (SUPERFUND) SITES

Implementation: While EPA is still making decisions about which specific Superfund projects will receive stimulus funding, overall, EPA plans to use the funds to start long-term cleanup projects and to accelerate ongoing construction projects at sites listed on the National Priorities List.

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EPA has announced that Havertown Superfund Site will receive up to \$5 million to be used for excavating contaminated soil and put in additional groundwater-treatment wells.

EPA is making decisions about which projects to fund based on consideration of a variety of factors. For example, EPA is considering factors such as:

- Human and ecological risk;
- Jobs created or maintained; and
- Construction readiness.

EPA anticipates that the benefits of applying stimulus funds to the Superfund program will include:

- Creation of new jobs and maintenance of existing jobs;
- Investment in new or accelerated long-term construction projects that, in addition to directly generating jobs, would also increase demand for construction materials; and
- Increasing the speed with which some sites are returned to productive use.

Contact:

Region III - 1-800-438-2474

Website:

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/eparecovery/index.html>

\$100 MILLION FOR CLEAN-UP OF 'BROWNFIELD' FORMER INDUSTRIAL SITES

Implementation:

\$5 million available for Job Training Grants under the Recovery Act. On March 19th, the EPA issued a request for applications from eligible governmental entities and nonprofit organizations to provide environmental job training projects that will facilitate job creation in the assessment, remediation, or preparation of brownfields sites for sustainable reuse. The closing date for receipt of applications is April 20, 2009. More detailed application information is available at the website below. The deadline for these applications is April 20th, 2009.

Remaining funds will be awarded to eligible entities through assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants.

Contact:

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (<http://epa.gov/oswer>)
Region III - 215-814-3231

Christine Lombard – Job Training Grants - 617-918-1305

EPA Region III – Brownfield Coordinator

Mr. Tom Stolle - 215-814-3129 - Stolle.tom@epa.gov

Website:

www.epa.gov/recovery

www.epa.gov/brownfields/eparecovery/index.htm

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/eparecovery/index.htm>

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\$600 MILLION FOR CLEANUP OF PETROLEUM LEAKS FROM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Implementation: The website will contain updated information. The vast majority of money EPA receives will go to state and territorial underground tank programs through grant agreements.
Money can only be used either to: (1) Oversee cleaning up underground tank leaks, or (2) Directly pay for cleaning up leaks from federally regulated tanks where the responsible party is unknown, unwilling, unable, or the cleanup is an emergency response.

Contact: Region III - 1-800-438-2474

Website: www.epa.gov/recovery

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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http://www.gsa.gov/

\$5.55 BILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND ENERGY ALTERATIONS TO FEDERAL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Implementation: To be made largely through normal federal contracting procedures. See the website.

Website: www.fedbizopps

\$300 MILLION FOR PURCHASE OF FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES FOR FEDERAL FLEET

Implementation: To be made largely through normal federal contracting procedures. See the website.

Website: www.fedbizopps

NATIONAL AERONAUTIC & SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)
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http://www.nasa.gov/

\$1 BILLION FOR SHUTTLE CONSTRUCTION, CLIMATE RESEARCH, AERONAUTICS, AND REBUILDING OF FACILITIES DAMAGED IN 2008 FLOODS.

Implementation: \$400 million is allocated to Science to develop supercomputing capabilities of the Tier 1 set of Earth Science climate research missions. \$150 million is allocated to systems-level research in aviation safety, environmental impact mitigation, and the Next Generation Air Transport System (NextGen). \$500 million is specified for cross-agency support to restore NASA owned facilities damaged in hurricanes and other natural disasters during 2008. \$400 million is dedicated to exploration.

Website: www.fedbizopps.gov or
<http://www.nasa.gov/recovery/index.html>

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS (NEA)

<http://www.nea.gov/>

\$50 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO FUND ARTS PROJECTS IN NON-PROFIT SECTOR FACILITIES

Implementation: 40% of the money will go directly to the states (Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA)); the remaining 60% will be distributed as competitive grant programs which will be modified to fit the purpose of the bill (to save jobs).

Grant guidelines posted to website:

<http://www.arts.gov/news/news09/nea-announces-recovery-programs.html>

Deadlines differ for state agencies or regional art organizations and nonprofit arts organization.

Contact: Robert Frankel 202-682-5400 (NEA), 717-787-6883 (PCA)

Website: <http://www.arts.gov/recovery/>, <http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/>

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

www.nsf.gov

\$2.5 BILLION FOR RESEARCH

Implementation: NSF will fund projects through the existing funding streams, not through the ARRA unique process. More information can be found online at NSF.gov

Contact: NSF Resource Desk, (703) 292-5111

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

\$400 MILLION CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Implementation: Not yet available.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

\$2.5 BILLION FOR EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Implementation: NSF will fund projects through the existing funding streams, not through the HR1 unique process. More information can be found online at NSF.gov

Contact: NSF Resource Desk, (703) 292-5111

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

<http://www.sba.gov/>

<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html>

\$651 MILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOANS TO BUSINESSES AND \$69 MILLION EXTRA MONEY FOR SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISBURSEMENT OF LOANS

Implementation: The SBA has established teams to develop a detailed implementation plan tackle a wide variety of issues, including policy decisions, system modifications, regulatory changes, legal requirements, reporting requirements, and new program launches. Additional information, as it becomes available, will be posted on the News website

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/news/index.html> or <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

Contacts: Philadelphia District Office
Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building
900 Market Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 580-2722

\$375 MILLION FOR TEMPORARY FEE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION

Implementation: Most SBA loan fees are eliminated or reduced through September 2010 on certain loans. The loan guarantee can be raised from the current levels to as much as 90 percent. At present, SBA can guarantee loans up to 85 percent on loans up to \$150,000 and up to 75 percent on loans greater than \$150,000.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/news/index.html> or <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

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\$225 MILLION FOR BUSINESS STABILIZATION LOANS

Implementation: Creates a new SBA loan program to provide deferred-payment loans to up to \$35,000 to viable small businesses that need the money to make payments on an existing, qualified loan for up to six months. These loans will be 100% guaranteed by SBA. Repayment would not have to begin until 12 months after the loan is fully disbursed.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/news/index.html> or <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

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\$30 MILLION FOR SBA MICROLOANS

Implementation: Provides for \$30 million for expanding SBA's Microloan program, which provides small loans up to \$35,000. This amount is enough to finance up to \$50 million in new lending and \$24 million in technical assistance grants to microlenders.

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(215) 580-2722

Microlenders: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbapartners/microloan/index.html>

RAISE SBA LOAN GUARANTEES

Implementation: Raise to as high as 90% the SBA guarantee of certain loans.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/news/index.html> or <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

Contacts: Philadelphia District Office
Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building
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RAISE SBA LOAN GUARANTEES

Implementation: Raises the maximum contract amount that can be covered by an SBA guaranteed surety bond from \$2 million to \$5 million, and, under certain circumstances, for contracts amounting to \$10 million.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/news/index.html> or <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

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<p>SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION</p>

<p>http://www.si.edu/</p>
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\$25 MILLION FOR "FACILITIES CAPITAL" FOR REPAIR AND REVITALIZATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Implementation: Not yet available.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

\$500 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Implementation: GSA will first conduct search for property, then seek contractors.
Contact: For Small Businesses: to Apply for Funding to Provide Construction Services Contact: GSA Office of Design and Construction
Phone: (202) 501-1888
Website: <http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/home.do?tabId=1>

\$500 MILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROCESS DISABILITY AND RETIREMENT CLAIM BACKLOGS

Implementation: The backlog in processing disability claims exceeds 570,000 cases; As many as 5,000 to 6,000 new positions could be filled with the funds. To apply for employment, please visit their website.
Website: <http://www.ssa.gov/careers/>

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

www.governor.state.pa.us

TRANSPORTATION

\$1.4 BILLION TO REPAIR AGING ROADS BY COUNTY

<u>Implementation:</u>	Chester County	Estimated value of contracts
	State Street Bridge Removal	\$1.5 million
	Chester Valley Trail Phase 1	\$7.15 million
	US 30 Preservation	\$ 6 million
	Montgomery County	
	US 422 Preservation	\$17.84 million
	Interstate 76/Henderson Rd Ramps	\$14.5 million
	Flourtown-Erdenheim Improvement	\$2.4 million
	Interstate 476 Roadway Rd Construction	\$33.6 million
	Mont Co. Curb Ramps	\$2.4 million
	Delaware County	
	I-95 ITS Extension	\$17.5 million

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Del Co. Curb Ramps	\$8.15 million
PA 252 at Whitehorse Rd.	\$120,000
Brookhaven Borough Curb Ramps	\$432,000
Traffic Signal Upgrade	\$120,000

EDUCATION

- Creates a \$53.6 billion state stabilization fund to help prevent education-related layoffs and restore harmful cuts to education funding, including :
 - \$40.6 billion to local school districts using existing funding formulas, which can be used for preventing cutbacks, preventing layoffs, school modernization, or other purposes;
 - \$5 billion to states as bonus grants for meeting key performance measures in education; and
 - \$8.8 billion to states for high priority needs such as public safety and other critical services, which may include education and for modernization, renovation, and repairs of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities.

\$40.6 BILLION FOR AID TO STATES TO BALANCE EDUCATION BUDGETS, PREVENT CUTBACKS AND MODERNIZE SCHOOLS – INCLUDING \$1.6 BILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: Governor announced launch of website www.recovery.pa.gov with detailed listings of money allocated in Pennsylvania.

Website: www.governor.state.pa.us

\$5 BILLION FOR AID TO STATES IN FORM OF BONUS GRANTS FOR MEETING KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES IN EDUCATION

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\$8 BILLION FOR AID TO STATES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRITICAL SERVICES, which may include education and for modernization, renovation, and repairs of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities

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